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## Liberia executes 13 Tolbert aides

MONROVIA, April 22 (Agencies) — Thirteen ministers and senior officials of the overthrown government of William Tolbert were executed by rifle and machine gun fire here Tuesday.

Those executed included former Foreign Minister Cecil Dennis and the late president's elder brother Frank Tolbert, who had been interim president of the Senate.

The victims were all detained following the successful April 12 military coup led by Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe. Tolbert, who was chairman of the Organization of African Unity, was killed during the coup.

Others killed by firing squad Tuesday were former Economic Affairs Minister

Franklin Neal, Finance Minister James T. Phillips, True Whig party chairman Reginald Townsend, Justice Minister Joseph Khesson, Speaker of the House of Representatives Richard Henries, Chief Justice James A. Pierre, Director of the Budget Frank Stewart, Trade Minister John Sperman, party treasurer Clarence Parker, Agriculture Minister Cyril Bright and member of parliament Charles King.

Doe rejected last minute pleas from the American embassy and other Western diplomatic missions to spare the prisoners' lives. Doe himself was not seen at the beachfront execution watched by hundreds of jeering, unruly soldiers and a crowd of thousands of civilians.

### On Iran sanctions

## EEC sides with U.S.

LUXEMBOURG, April 22 (R) — Common Market foreign ministers agreed Tuesday on measures to back the United States in its dispute with Iran, informed sources said.

But the sources said there would be no specific reference to ending oil purchases from Iran, a point which had been contained in a British proposal.

However, the sources said Common Market countries expected Iran to cut off oil supplies after the foreign ministers publish the text of their agreement later Tuesday.

The plan to be implemented in two stages, has been drawn up by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. It provides first for a reduction in the diplomatic staff of the nine EEC countries in Tehran with a parallel reduction in Iranian embassy staff in Western Europe, and for "coordinating views" on existing economic accords with Iran.

British sources said these accords included those governing oil imports and their revision would mean an effective halt to purchases of Iranian oil by Common Market countries.

The Carter administration has cut commercial and diplomatic ties with Iran and is seeking Western European support to gain the release of hostages held in the U.S. embassy in Tehran since Nov. 4.

British sources said the second stage of the Carrington plan would provide for a total trade embargo with Iran, except for food and medical supplies.

The sources said a delay was needed between the two stages in case some countries

have to put the measures before their national parliaments for approval.

West German sources said they believed the British plan had a good chance of success. West Germany has been pushing for firm European backing of the U.S. position.

Japanese Foreign Minister Saburo Okita, who arrived in Luxembourg Monday to consult with his Common Market colleagues, agreed that Japan and the community should stay in close touch on measures to back the United States, Japanese sources said.

The Japanese minister met Luxembourg's Deputy Prime Minister Gaston Thorn, Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo and Lord Carrington Monday.

The sources said he was seeking meetings with the French and West German foreign ministers before leaving Luxembourg this morning.

Britain has not suggested a deadline for the start of the sanctions if the some 50 American hostages are not freed.

But observers indicated that the EEC might toughen the proposals and set such a date.

The EEC is expected to approve its sanctions plan at a summit meeting of the nine nations' heads of state in Luxembourg April 27 and 28.

The proposals follow President Jimmy Carter's call for U.S. allies to clamp sanctions on Iran in attempts to force a break in the more than five-month long hostage-taking crisis.

### Ask U.S. pressure

## Israel must halt help to rightists, Irish say

DUBLIN, April 22 (R) — Ireland has asked the United States to urge Israel to stop supporting Major Saad Haddad's Christian militia in southern Lebanon, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

He said Prime Minister Charles Haughey had written a personal letter to President Jimmy Carter following the murder last week of two Irish soldiers serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force by Lebanese gunmen in the South.

Both the Irish government and the U.N. have blamed the Israeli-backed militia for the killing.

"It is the view of my government that it is absolutely essential that support by Israel for Haddad should cease once and for all," the Irish premier said in his letter.

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Ambassador Ronan said Begin told him to undertake on Sunday night, after making a similar promise to President Jimmy Carter in Washington last week.

Ronan said the real reason for the clashes with the Irish contingent of the United Nations peace-keeping force was the wish of Israeli-supported Lebanese rightist Christian militia leader Maj. Saad Haddad to seize the Irish command post the village of Tareh.

Meanwhile, four detachments of Irish soldiers in UNIFIL Tuesday pulled out of their positions bordering the Christian enclave and were replaced by Norwegian troops, a U.N. spokesman said.

Hugo Rocha said four small detachments, each numbering no more than 20 men, were withdrawn from direct contact with the right-wing militias and Shia villagers who murdered two Irish soldiers last Friday.

"The main body of the Irish still remains in force, including the detachment at Al-Tari," he said. Al-Tari was the scene nine days ago of a bloody battle between the Irish and the militias in which four persons, including two civilians, were killed.

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## Abdullah meets Spanish envoy, Beirut leaders

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**Kingdom to train N. Yemen students****Aviation pact signed**

SANA, April 22 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and North Yemen signed an agreement of cooperation Tuesday for civil aviation under which 60 Yemeni students will be sent to the Kingdom to study and train in civil aviation institutes for three-to-five-year courses.

The agreement was signed between the Saudi Arabian Civil Aviation Commission and the General Commission of Yemen for Civil Aviation and Meteorology. Farouq Shafiq Gary, assistant director general of air control projects in Saudi Arabia, who is currently visiting Yemen signed the agreement.

The pact was signed from the Yemen side by Muhammad Hassan Al-Sayyid, president of the General Commission of Yemen for civil aviation and meteorology.

Sayyid said the agreement comes under the context of cooperation between the Kingdom and North Yemen in different fields.

Meanwhile, in Jeddah Tuesday, a civil aviation cooperation agreement was signed between Saudi Arabia and Belgium. The agreement calls for scheduling two flights between the Kingdom and Belgium round-trip for Saudia and Sabena.

**To help handicapped communicate****Seminar studies aid to deaf**

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia is participating in the second scientific seminar for the welfare of the deaf, which will open in Damascus Wednesday. The seminar is organized by the Arab Federation of the Deaf Welfare Organizations.

Abdullah Al-Muslih, director of the deaf education department of the Ministry of Education, will represent the Kingdom in the ten-day seminar. Member states in the federation will take part in the seminar that deals with several issues regarding teaching deaf children the language of communication.

The Arab Federation of the Deaf Welfare Organizations, based in Damascus, was established on 1972 to improve and develop services to deaf people and particularly educational services.

Meanwhile in Al-Khobar, The Second Arab Seminar on the Operation and Maintenance of Gas Turbines discussed working papers submitted by Sudan, Qatar, Iraq and Oman Tuesday.

The seminar, which is attended by representatives of 13 Arab states as well as the

The agreement was signed by Sheikh Naser al-Assaf, president of the civil aviation and Verstappen, assistant to the minister of aviation of Belgium.

Sheikh Assaf said that the agreement marks a fast turn towards promotion of friendly relations between the two countries. The exchange of flights between the two countries will help develop the commercial, economic and technical relations between them.

Sheikh Assaf added that the Kingdom will sign a similar agreement with Spain. There are regular flights currently between the Kingdom and Belgium and Spain. But the flights are not on the official level, he said.

The Ambassador of Belgium to Saudi Arabia D.G. Shutter Tuesday said the agreement will help promote relations between Belgium and the Kingdom, especially in civil aviation.

Meanwhile, Saudi will start special flights for transporting 106,000 foreign teachers working under contracts here to their home countries as of June 8. The contract teachers leaving for summer vacation are accompanied by their families.

The return flights will begin about July 24

Gulf Organization for Industrial Investments and the Industrial Development Center for Arab States, opened last Saturday.

In a separate development, Riyadh University's Faculty of Education held a seminar Tuesday on Archeology and Education.

Discussions centered, among other things, on the relationship between relics and Islamic education.

The participants agreed that antiquities have to be studied to unearth the Islamic civilization and show the extent of its advance as witnessed by the various, salient material forms such as castles, wells and caravan stations.

Dr. Essam Ahmad Al-Safadi, the head of the faculty's educational technology methods department led the discussions. Also taking part were Dr. Abdullah Al-Masri, assistant secretary for cultural affairs at the Ministry of Education, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Ansari of the Faculty of Arts' archeology department, and Dr. Abdul Qader Mahmoud Abdullah, professor at the Arts' Faculty Archeology department.

Full board is given the trainees in addition to a monthly salary, the director said. He added that the center also procures free transportation to students who do not live at the center.



**CREDENTIALS** : PLO Representative in the Kingdom Rafiq Natcha Monday presenting his credentials to the General Secretary of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Habib Chatti, as the representative of Palestine to the OIC.

**Traffic campaign warms engine for upcoming awareness effort**

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — A one-week traffic campaign will start in all regions of Saudi Arabia, an Interior Ministry spokesman announced Tuesday.

Traffic departments, educational directorates, universities and information media will cooperate together to ensure the success of the campaign, the spokesman said.

The General Traffic Department has prepared leaflets and billboards, bulletins and stickers in large numbers giving directions for motorists, he added.

The spokesman said the purpose of the campaign is to spread awareness among drivers and prompt them to cooperate with traffic officials.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Youth Welfare Office in the Eastern Pro-

vince will help organize for the first time a one week traffic campaign to begin on April 26.

The office is currently printing traffic slogans on tickets for games, that will be held simultaneously, Abdullah Faraj Al-Saqi, the director of the office said Tuesday.

Electronic board at Dammam Stadium are also to be fed with traffic awareness inscriptions, which will be flashed to the crowd, he added.

The official said various mobile youth units, boy scouts and public service groups affiliated with various clubs in the area will also participate in the campaign.

In addition, on May 7, the office will hold its fifth annual theatre arts festival at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dammam.

**Vocation center receives donation**

DAMMAM, April 22 (SPA) — The Eastern Province's Vocational Training Center for the Handicapped has given SR6,080,000 to incapacitated persons unable to benefit from training, the center's director Abdul Rahman Al-Mughem said Tuesday.

The center provides training for Saudi nationals with an intelligence level of at least 50 per cent and in a position to receive such training, he added.

Full board is given the trainees in addition to a monthly salary, the director said. He added that the center also procures free transportation to students who do not live at the center.

**In support of private sector**  
**Company invests SR955m**

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — The Arab Investment Company invested SR955 million in projects in the Arab World, according to a company report.

The report discussed by the company's board of directors Tuesday said that of this amount SR255 were used to buy shares in 20 projects and SR700 were in the form of long term loans.

The board also reviewed two other reports on the company's projects in 1980, and the other giving the broadlines of the 1980 budget.

Amendments to the rules and regulations for the company's personnel were approved, giving them more advantages to raise their productivity.

In the meantime, the company's assembly of shareholders approved Tuesday the closing accounts for 1979. It also reviewed a report by the board of directors on the company projects in various parts of the world. Company officials held a meeting with Saudi Arabian businessmen two weeks ago to discuss ways of supporting private sector projects in the country.

Speaking to Arab News, officials of the company, which is made up of 15 Arab gov-

ernments, said the projects to be studied will aim at fulfilling the objectives of the company. The objectives include setting up and helping to set up development schemes in the Arab world.

The company was formed in July 1974 with a capital of \$ 300 million contributed by the member governments, especially "to promote Arab resources and the development of technology." It also aims for creating employment opportunities and encouraging inter-Arab economic relationships. The company provides capital to both the public and private sectors in the member countries.

This will be the second meeting of its kind... The first one was held in the Eastern Province.

The company, according to officials, received requests for project aid from the member governments and "in some ways we take a course similar to that taken by the Islamic Development Bank," the officials said.

The IDB is made up of 42 Islamic governments and offers aid without interest. The bank shares in the equity of projects and finances foreign trade operations between member countries.

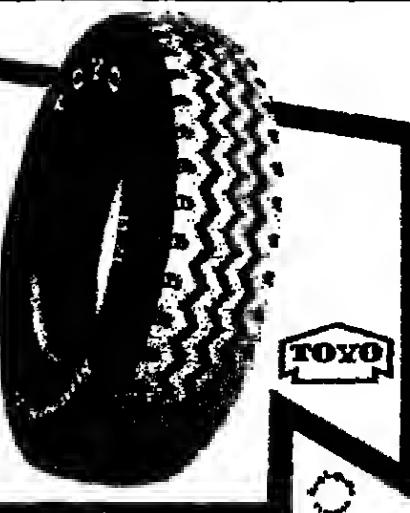
**In Dammam****Swimming meet to be held**

200 meters back stroke and 200 meters free style.

The final contest will be held on the third day. It will be attended by Dr. Faisal Al-Bashir, deputy minister of planning and chairman of the Saudi Arabian Swimming Union.

The first day includes 400 meters free-style, 400 meters individual-mix, 100 meters back stroke, and 200 meters breast stroke.

The second day will comprise 200 meters individual mix, 200 meters free-style, 200 meters butterfly, 100 meters breast stroke,

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*Fayez Badr tells students*

## Ports hold key to Kingdom's inflation

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 22 — The Director General of the Saudi Ports Authority, Dr. Fayez Badr said the ports of the Kingdom hold the key to the rate of inflation in the country.

If the ports remained open and functioning well, there should be no fears of a high rate of inflation generated locally, he said.

Badr was speaking before a large audience of university students and others at the university lecture hall Monday. At the end of his speech he welcomed questions from the floor, which centered mainly on the functions of the ports in the country.

Under Badr's leadership the ports were decongested in record time and waiting time for ships fell from as high as 90 days to zero. No ship now has to wait to unload cargo at any Saudi Arabian port, a feat of management that has been acknowledged worldwide. Badr himself was voted administrator of the year by an American magazine.

He said that unregulated government spending will lead to inflation, but whatever government and the private sector spend will not cause much of an inflation here as long as the ports remained open and imports entered the country smoothly and quickly.

"We import 90 per cent of all requirements," he said. "When demand rises we must import more of a certain commodity and until we do that its price will also rise. But if we import it and unload it swiftly, the price will return to normal."

From a technical point of view, he said, as long as the ports were efficiently run and

capable of handling all the country's imports there should be no inflation and whatever inflation occurs will have been caused by external factors.

The ports in this country are "similar to lungs, the bigger their capacities, the better their services to our prosperity and progress. But the smaller the lungs, the worse off we shall be."

Badr said the present generation of Saudi Arabeans are accountable to the coming ones as far as mineral resources are concerned. "Since oil is a depletable resource and is in fact depleting we should think of the forthcoming generations and what kind of natural

and mineral resources they will have as we have bad oil," he said.

It is not wise, he added, that we should use up all our resources because once they are depleted, we shall not be able to continue living the way we are. He urged leaving some of the country's mineral resources where they are at present for the benefit of those who will live here later on.

Asked about price control Badr said he opposed the regulation of prices because it is in the hands of the consumer to decide on which merchant was profiteering and avoid dealing with him in the future.



DISCUSSION : Dr. Fayez Badr, director general of Saudi Ports Authority fields questions from students at King Abdul Aziz University.

## Holland Muslims denounce film

AMSTERDAM, April 22 (SPA) — Islamic organizations in Holland denounced the screening of the film "Death of a Princess" by the Dutch television station N.O.S. Tuesday.

In a cable to Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, deputy minister of information for information affairs, the societies stressed that the larger sector of the Netherlands population was against the screening.

They said their statement is based on the conclusions of an analysis carried out by the

Dutch Statistics Agency. The organizations said that neither the Dutch people, nor their government, which expressed regret, should be held responsible for the screening of the film by the television station.

At the same time, the societies expressed confidence that the people of Holland will always respect Islamic principles and try to understand it better and deeper to foster cooperation with Islamic people.

## Saudi Comment

By Saad Al-Bawardi  
*Al-Jazirah*

It is necessary for us to consider the problems of a wife before we try to establish a home of matrimony for the woman.

In our wealthy families there are some who do not care to prepare their daughter for her future home because they find the husband capable of providing her a cook and a maid. Who would concern him most, they think, is that she holds a high school or university certificate and possesses a fine figure. But I consider it a big mistake that is detrimental to the interests of both.

Alongside her education, a woman must be thoroughly prepared and trained in household responsibilities and duties toward her husband and children. Even though she may be able to own a cook and employ a servant, she should be well-versed in the upbringing of children without unnecessarily depending on a maid.

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Wednesday	Mecca	Medina	Najd
Fajr	4.40	4.35	4.07
Ishraq	6.00	5.50	5.31
Dhurb	12.25	12.27	11.58
Assr	3.49	3.55	3.24
Maghrib	6.45	6.50	8.20
Isha	8.15	7.20	7.50

## WEATHER

Temperatures should drop in the western and north-western regions. Cumulous clouds will hang over the western and south-western highlands and the eastern region. Winds are predicted to be southerly and moderate in the central, southern and north-eastern regions. They may become active causing sand haze. Seas will be light to moderate. Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	41	27
Jeddah	36	26
Riyadh	38	22
Dhahran	39	20
Medina	38	25
Taif	31	16
Jizan	36	26
Hail	34	12
Turaif	27	14
Qasimah	41	24
Sulayyil	37	17
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### For care given to mosques in Kingdom

## Oman endowments minister praises Khaled

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — Oman has always benefited from the wise directives of King Khaled in all matters of mutual interest, the visiting minister of endowments and Islamic affairs Sheikh Al-Walid ibn Zaher Al-Henei said Monday after meeting the King.

He also said that his talks with Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie centered on Islamic affairs.

Sheikh Al-Walid visited King Faisal

Specialist Hospital here Tuesday morning and expressed his admiration for it.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab expressed thanks and appreciation to King Khaled for the utmost care given to mosques in Saudi Arabia.

In a cable he addressed to the King Tuesday at the end of the third annual Week of Care for Mosques Affairs, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab said that such attention is a mirror for King Khaled's faith.

King Khaled is extremely interested in

safeguarding, promoting and raising high the banner of Islam and sticking to the Quran code, the minister stressed in his cable.

Sheikh Abdul Wahhab also sent a similar cable to Crown Prince Fahd, in which he expressed his satisfaction for the success of the Mosques Week.

The Week, organized according to the instructions of King Khaled, was held 22-25 March to mobilize and double efforts in Saudi Arabia for serving mosques.

### As teams vie for King's Cup

## Ittihad shatters Galaa in romping defeat

By Munir Muhammad

JEDDAH, April 22 — Ittihad Monday night shattered Galaa with a 9-0 defeat and brought itself into the semi-final matches of the King's Cup championship.

Other teams approaching the semi-finals are Shabab and Ohood. The fourth team will be the winner of the match to be played Tuesday night between Hilal and Riyad.

Shabab defeated Qadiya 3-2 Monday to enter the semi-finals. Shabab will meet Ittihad next to determine one side of the final match. Ohood rose to the semi-final Monday after beating Jabalain 2-1 in a match that appeared a draw until the last minutes when Ohood's Majari scored.

Hilal may have a surprise from Riyad which rose to class B recently when it won the class

### Saudi official received in Tunis

TUNIS, April 22 (SPA) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba received Tuesday Saudi Ambassador to Tunisia Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Omran.

Nothing was disclosed about the substance of the talks which took place at the presidential palace in Carthage.

which was Nasr. Six out three in the class were dropped and the fourth follows Tuesday night.

The King's cup was won for three consecutive years by Ahli. The team standard deteriorated dangerously this year when in the tournament they lost matches predicted to be easy wins. In the King's cup, Ahli was ousted by Ghad, a team that went down to class B. Ohood and Wahda came into the bottom of the tournament standings and descended to class B. They were replaced by Rivad and Jabalain, the two teams that rose to class A.

Ittihad's nine goals on Monday were scored by Ibrahim in the 20th minute, Issa Hamad in the 24th minute, Abdallah Ghazal during the first half 7-0. In the 2nd minute of the second half Hamad and Ghazal scored two goals, Saudi Jawad scored in the 14th minute, Thabeti Becker in the 18th minute, Hamdani in the 34th minute and Bayazid brought the last goal a minute later.

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## Gunfire mars calm in N'Djamena

N'DJAMENA, April 22 (Agencies) — Sporadic gunfire Monday night broke the relative calm which had settled on this Chadian capital Monday after violent fighting Sunday night in which nearly 100 people were wounded.

The Sunday night toll was one of the heaviest in this embattled capital since civil war broke out on March 21 between President Goukouni Weddeye's People's Armed Forces (FAP) and the Armed Forces of the North (FAN) of Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

But despite the ferocity of the battle,

### Morocco to recall envoy from Syria

RABAT, April 22 (R) — Morocco, which earlier Monday decided to break diplomatic relations with Cuba, is to recall its ambassador in Damascus over reported Syrian recognition of the Algerian-backed republic in the Western Sahara, the Moroccan Foreign Ministry said.

A ministry spokesman said the Moroccan ambassador in Damascus, Driss Bennoua, Monday asked Syria to clarify its position concerning the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony over which Morocco and the Polisario Front are battling for control.

The Polisario established the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) four years ago.

### Several injured in Algerian scuffles

ALGIERS, April 22 (AFP) — Several people were injured in scuffles which followed the closing of the university of Tizi Ouzou in the Berber-speaking region east of this Algerian capital on Sunday, the Algerian news agency said.

But it decried anyone had been killed and gave no figures for the number of injured.

The agency said Monday night the most seriously hurt were two security officers, one struck in the eye and the other suffering from a head injury. "One of these officers was

### China's Deng urges Arabs to unite

PEKING, April 22 (AP) — Senior Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping has told an Algerian delegation the Middle East is the focus of superpower contention and the Arab countries should strengthen their unity, China's official Xinhua news agency reported.

Urging the Arab countries to resolve their differences, Deng said Monday that if the 120

### Andrew Young starts Kuwait visit

KUWAIT, April 22 (R) — Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young arrived in Kuwait early Tuesday on a four-day official visit at the invitation of Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said.

neither side Monday had changed positions markedly, with Habre's men holding the city's African sector and President Goukouni's troops entrenched in the European and administration area.

Artillery and mortar fire, punctuated by the rattle of automatic arms, could be heard from early Monday night while the ceasefire committee set up following mediation by Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema two weeks ago waited to meet again President Goukouni. The committee is entrusted with overseeing the application of the ceasefire concluded between the two major com-

battants and due to take effect at noon on April 8.

The meeting is reportedly aimed at getting Habre and Goukouni together on neutral territory, with press reports suggesting Lagos, Nigeria.

No official casualty count is available, but unofficial observers estimate that nearly 1,500 have died and 4,000 been wounded since the fighting began March 22.

Of an original population of 110,000-120,000, only about 40,000 remained with the rest having fled across the Chari River to neighboring Cameroon or into the Chadian bush.

Chad's population of about four million is roughly divided into two million Muslims who live largely in the arid northern part of the country and two million Christians who occupy the southern region.

Goukouni accuses Habre of abrogating the agreement last year creating a government of national union composed of all 11 military and political factions in the country. Habre claims Goukouni and his allies are pawns of Libya and says he is the only real nationalist in Chad.

The 1,100-man French expeditionary force in Chad, garrisoned near the airport in the northern part of the city, is under strict orders from Paris to remain out of the conflict while trying to mediate between the warring factions.



President Assad

### Carter lauds Syria's role

DAMASCUS, April 22 (R) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter has told Syrian President Hafez Assad that Syria has an important role to play in seeking a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, an official statement said Monday.

The statement said President Carter made the remark last Thursday in a telegram congratulating President Assad on the 34th anniversary of the evacuation of French troops from Syria.

Carter said Syria "has an important and responsible role to play in the Middle East and in seeking a just and comprehensive peace to which we are committed."

## At Zurich airport Bomb found on El Al plane

ZURICH, Switzerland, April 22 (AP) — Israeli security agents foiled a plot to blow up an El Al jetliner Monday when they found a bomb in the luggage of a German who was booked aboard the flight to Tel Aviv, Swiss police reported.

Demolition experts took the bomb, equipped with a timing device, to a special vault where it exploded before it could be defused. Police said there were no injuries.

The incident occurred as Israelis were celebrating the creation of their state 32 years ago. Israel had warned its citizens to be alert to possible attacks.

Moshe Eilat, spokesman for the Israeli state airline, said in Tel Aviv it was believed Palestinian Commandos placed the bomb in the German's luggage without his knowledge. A Swiss police spokesman said the 26-year-old German told investigators he was given the bag by a third person to take to Tel Aviv.

### Checks

Plainclothes Israeli security agents conduct regular checks at Swiss airports in connection with flights of El Al and became suspicious of the German's luggage, police said. An X-ray of the bag detected the bomb. The German was seized and turned over to Swiss police. He was not identified.

Police said the bomb was set to blow up

when the plane was airborne. The jet, flight 346 carrying 39 passengers, departed on schedule and landed at Israel's Ben-Gurion airport, according to Eilat. He said the passengers were unaware of the airport incident.

Zurich authorities said the Swiss federal prosecutor's office has joined in the investigation.

### Kuwait, Upper Volta stress Palestine rights

KUWAIT, April 22 (R) — Kuwait and Upper Volta have said there would only be peace in the Middle East if Israel withdrew from all occupied Arab territories and the Palestinians were given the right to an independent state.

The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) quoted a joint communiqué issued Monday at the end of a three-day visit to Kuwait by Upper Volta's President Sangoule Lamizana as saying.

"The two sides expressed their conviction that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East could not be achieved without Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories, including the city of Jerusalem, and giving the Palestinian people back their inalienable legal national rights, including that of establishing an independent state."

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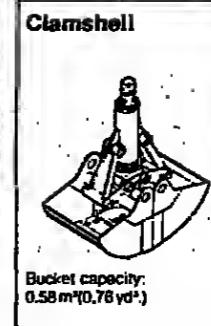
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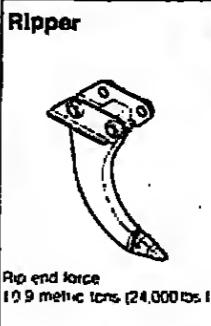
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## Dhahran's Eighth Annual Spring Show

## Horse competition attracts local riders

By Jean Grant

Enjoying the earthy smell of an open field with a whiff of horse manure in the warm air, 500 horse fans watched the Eighth Annual Spring Show of the Dhahran Horse Association.

The event, which has its origins in the mid-1970s, regularly attracts riders and horse fanciers from all over the Kingdom.

Stable boys fed hay to the neighing horses in the corral at Hobby Farm, the Aramco-affiliated facility at which the show took place in March. Riders in Jodhpurs — many of them dressed up in beautifully tailored red and black equestrian jackets — gave the final grooming to the already glistening coats of the bay, gray, and chestnut Arabian horses.

Pawing in their stalls, the horses seemed happy on the track where they swished their magnificently long tails gaily.

This year Dhahran's Spring Show and Horse Trials assembled more than 100 riders from seven stables to compete in the 14 classes of events.

From Riyadh, Abqaiq, Ras Tanura and as far away as Tabuk to the north, horses and riders made their way to Dhahran. Most horses came in open Mercedes trucks, but the 10 from Tabuk made their 1,000-mile trek in the air-conditioned comfort of a luxurious horse-transporter.

Riding is required to be the sport of kings, so it came as no surprise to watch H.H. Turki bin Khalid, 14, handle his horse with aplomb. Clothed all in black, he made a dashing picture as he soared over barriers on his spirited white stallion *Nazzer*. His performance in the cross country event won him a ribbon.

The performance of the Saudi military in the horse show stirred memories of glory in the days when the RCMP tamed the savage Rockies. The Public Security Equestrian



PHOTO BY Jean Grant  
NOBILITY: All the horses in the show were Arabians. These 600 pounders are the aristocrats among horses. A small lean breed, they have exceptional strength, speed and stamina.

Center of Riyadh won the Tea Jumping Event. Neatly in balance with their horses, riders Mohammed Wakeel on *Watfa* (on loan from Dhahran), Sgt. Ayed Karson on *Hatin*, corp. Swedan Saleh on *Al-Asie*, and Sergeant Ghazi Awad on *Morgan* outscored riders from 10 other teams.

"Courage they do not lack," Show Director Rosemary Beeton said of the military riders. "They like to go fast and have a marvelous time. If it's fun at 50 miles per hour, they recko it's even more fun at 500 miles per hour, and the Arabian horses feel the same

way."

The Northern Area Horse Riding Club made a fine debut at the Horse Show. Established in Tabuk in 1977, it now has 54 horses and over 174 members, mainly the children of the Saudi armed forces stationed in the region.

Three brothers, Ali, Abdullah, and Waleed Faleh, captured most of the ribbons for the Tabuk team. As they galloped over the course, their rhythm in stride called up the traditional image of the Arab and his noble steed.

The most coveted award in the Dhahran show is the trophy for the Horse Trials, a strenuous and exacting combined event of dressage, cross country, and show jumping. Horse and rider must excel in all three to win.

The award in the Junior class horse trials went to Michelle Maldment, 13, riding the grey mare *Mallika* owned by HH Mohammed Bin Said Al-Faisal. Since horse riding is more a game of technology, finesse, and skill than brute strength, women stand an equal chance of winning with men. The 1980 competition at Dhahran saw them take a majority of the awards.

The cross-country consisted of 72 jumps on a 2-mile course. At one of the jumps, 17-year-old stallion *Rafiq*, showing his old dislike for water, unceremoniously dumped his rider Raja Kiyana in a pond after hitting a fence.

The Show Jumping favorite, the *Roc*, also had a mishap. His refusal at the first fence in the Open Jumping disappointed an expectant crowd, but rider Ian Jeune did not insist upon

the chestnut stallion's continuing.

*Roc*, whose sire was a famous Iraqi race horse, his dam of the Kuhaylen strain, grew up in Beirut and Saudi Arabia. The 13-year-old Arabian was recently sold to Ollie Grimes by Dick Kerin and Virginia Brown who retained him to be a dressage horse after a distinguished racing career.

The Open Jumping was a hotly contested event in which favorite Kalle Svensson, 13, of Riyadh Club, riding his mount *Snowball* and R. Hammond on V. Caldwell's *Buckingham*, tied for first place. Equality was maintained

in the first run-off. Tension mounted in the second jump-off, as racing against the clock, veteran Hammond went on to victory in 54 seconds while Svensson clocked up 59.9 seconds after a clear round for both jockeys.

An extraordinary event to find in Saudi Arabia is the Junior Working Hunter contest. The judges set about choosing the horse they thought would be most desirable for an actual fox hunt, and evaluated the horses' walk, trot, canter, and jumping style over low fences. The prize was nabbed by M. Davis, 12, riding *Humboldt*.

Stephen Massey, 12, who has been riding since he was 2 years old, came to Dhahran from Abqaiq for this event. impeccably attired in dun gloves, sable cap, and tweed riding jacket, the young rider, who owns two horses in England, didn't forget that in a horse show, showmanship counts. Hours spent to braid his mount *Freckles*, owned by J. Coppard, helped him win a ribbon for 3rd place.

All the horses in the show were Arabians. These 600 pounders are the aristocrats among horses. A small lean breed, they have exceptional strength, speed, and stamina. Their intelligence and patience are superior to the horses of northern countries. Sensitive, alert, and high-spirited, the animals thrive in the hot desert climate.

An Arabian's training begins relatively late — the foal is left in peace; the colt or filly at Hobby Farm is not backed — that is sat upon — until he is 3 years old if Director Rosemary Beeton has anything to say about it. Training proper begins at 4 years.

Although he is relatively late-maturing, the Arabian stallion has a useful life far longer than other breeds. Several horses in the show were over the ripe old age of 15.

It is becoming difficult to find Arabian mounts in the very region where they originated. Formerly they could be bought from the bedouin in the desert, but with the rapid change in the desert dwellers' life style, this is now infrequent.

The mare's gestation period of 11 months forces owners to decide whether to keep the animal for breeding or for riding. It's classic case of not being able to have one's cake and eat it too. Although a mare can be ridden for a full 9 of her 11 months' pregnancy, the foal is on her for several months after birth. Most owners, said Miss Beeton, opt for riding the mare.



PHOTO BY Jean Grant  
GLORY ROAD: This year Dhahran's Spring Show and Horse Trials assembled more than 100 riders from seven stables to compete in 14 classes of events. From Riyadh, Abqaiq, Ras Tanura and as far away as Tabuk to the north, horses and riders made their way to Dhahran.



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## The sun or moon--and Joha

Joha had been traveling all day and was very weary when he arrived in a strange town. He spotted a small coffee shop and decided that it was a good place to rest. The pungent aroma of coffee beans roasting drifted past Joha's nose. Choosing a cool, shady place under a tree Joha almost floated to the ground like one of the leaves falling around him.

He was so tired, that when he took off his sandy shoes, he could barely move his toes. He unstrapped the sack from his shoulder, took out his belongings and laid them beside him. Feeling comfortable, he leaned back and closed his eyes for a nap. Soon his cool, peaceful haven was invaded by two loud voices arguing nearby.

Joha opened one eye to see two men thrusting their arms out to the sky. One man was shouting, "That is the sun!" The other man, screaming louder, yelled, "No, that is the moon!" And so the arguing went back and forth. Joha was just beginning to cover his head with the sack when the two men walked over to him.

Their enormous bulk looming above made Joha squirm. One man spoke, "Help us settle our argument. This dumb cluck says that his is the moon up there, and I say it is the sun. Tell us, is that the sun or the moon?"

Four coal black eyes penetrated Joha, fierce and threatening. Joha wriggled and looked up at sky. After a moment, Joha weakly answered, "I'm sorry, but I am new to this town."

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## From our grow your own department: Water woes



By Kathy Land

JEDDAH — How to keep plants alive while you go on vacation is an ever recurring headache for indoor gardeners. Unless there are friends happy to plant sit, it's usually a case of giving plants a good watering and hoping for the best.

If that's the case, a self watering planter may solve the problem, an also help with that troublesome business of overwatering. There are a number of varieties of self-watering planters on the market. They all work on the principle of a wick dipping into a reservoir of water and thus providing the plant with its moisture requirements. Where they come in handy for holidaymakers is that a filled reservoir could keep a plant sufficiently moist for roughly a month, if necessary.

Andrew Hamilton of Florma describes self-watering planters as "excellent if used properly." He said the four different systems each have their own advantages and disadvantages, so it is up to the gardener to choose the system most suitable to her needs.

The four different systems are planters with holes to feed the water through; planters with material wicks; those with oasis sponge wicks; and the cord or rope wick variety. The latter was the least advisable since it delivered too much water, he said. A little too much water could also be a problem with the material wick variety, however, it did have the advantage of delivering water to the plant from the very first day of potting. Thus the plant could receive water right from the start, or right through the crucial re-potting and establishing stage.

Commenting on the oasis sponge type, Hamilton said such models in principle are good, and there are a variety of models on the market, some better than others. One

particularly good model had small rubber caps that could be put over the sponge tubes to adjust the flow of water.

"With this type you can water through the top of the plant or through the side entrance of the planter," Hamilton said. "The only flaw in this is, the water measuring system using a pipette is not easy to follow."

Of the four types of self-watering planters available, Hamilton said the type with holes seemed to be the best. Its great advantage is that it is impossible to overwater plants. However, on the other hand its handicap is impossible to overwater plants. However, on the other hand its handicap is that for the first two to three months after planting, it had to be watered from the top because it took that long for roots to establish themselves.

The planter with holes operates on the principle of the roots themselves acting as the wick. The plant sends down its own white roots through the holes in the reservoir and takes only as much water as it requires.

"It is because one must first wait until these white roots have grown and established that one must water from the top in the initial stages," said Hamilton. "Although it may be initially a little inconvenient when the plant is properly established is really the most efficient self-watering system," he added.

Though the planters take the worry out of watering, one should be ever vigilant about giving the plant adequate food. And it is important to liquid fertilize from the top.

"If you water from the reservoir the food will probably settle on the bottom so that none will reach the plant," said Mr. Hamilton. If you feed from the top the fertilizer will filter down through the soil so that the plant will benefit."



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"There's also a further advantage to feeding from the top. The excess water drains off into the reservoir. The reservoir can thus be used as an overflow system."

Hamilton advises those using self-watering planter systems to drain the reservoir at intervals. During such interval the plant should be left to dry out a little, to regain its correct moisture balance.

An additional word on plant survival at holiday time in the absence of a self-watering planter. In summer, give the plant a thorough watering then surround the whole thing, pot and all, in a polythene bag. In winter (when less moisture is needed) simply surround the pot with damp peat. Also, use common sense and remove plants from high evaporation spots such as window sills.

### Tradition spurs contemporary design

## High fashion in the desert

By Jean Grant

Like women everywhere, the *Bedawiya* of the Arabian desert take pains with their wardrobe.

What surprises many Westerners is that their life is not necessarily a spartan one.

Traditionally, when camels sold well, the women bought voluminous gowns of great opulence; many were made of the silk brought along the Silk Route to the most remote areas of Arabia.

When the camel trade was not so profitable, nomadic women drew on their own considerable resources, spinning, dyeing, and weaving their wool, then sewing it into gowns they would embroider themselves.

Whether brought ooo camelback from Damascus or shipped in dhows from India, the gowns were neatly folded away in the heavy wooden chests called Kuwaiti or Medina chests.

Some of these creations favored by the women of Saudi Arabia over the past hundred years were exhibited at Dhahran's University of Petroleum and Minerals in a women-only show organized by Heather Ross, author of *Bedouin Jewellery* and of a forthcoming book on Arabian fashions.

One surprise of the collection is its barrage of color. The traditional abaya has misled foreigners into thinking that Arabian women only wear black. Even before Islam, however, "it was the custom to wear an outer cloak."

*Hiddas* beneath the ubiquitous somber abaya is many a rainbow-hued gown. Black was traditionally reserved for older women.

Jolts of color astonished the audience of UPM faculty wives as models in dresses of hand-knotted maroon, lavender, silver and dazzling gold walked down the runway of oriental carpets. Silver bells jingled merrily at the wrists of many of the dresses. So profuse was the embroidery adorning the dresses that the embroidery stitches could hold them together. "Amoog the gowns was one chased in pure gold which now costs SR 12,000."

As a rule, the more lavish the decoration of the gown, the wealthier its owner.

A key look in Arabian fashions is layering. As many as 4 layers complete an outfit — tom'hoob (or body shirt), to caftan, gauzy vocho above, and the mantle on top of it all.

While the well-to-do mistress of the teot wore all of these, her poorer neighbour made ooo a thobe and mantle.

One of the best looks of the show was the tidal gown itself — a voluminous creation with a lengthy train trailing behind. The bride inches the excess yardage over her forearm side-walks — up to 75 meters of yardage can be used for one of these dresses. The bridal gown, featuring a tulle motif of the Turkish emblem and star, incorporates the Saudi emblem of palm tree and crossed swords, symbols of prosperity through justice.

For sheer elegance, an abaya from the central Nadj is unbeatable. It is cut of fine black wool with sleeves magnified many times their normal width. Side panels are cut very large so that as the wearer raises her arms, the large rectangles of cherry, orange, and avocado silk transform her into a human butterfly with diaphanous wings. Their ample cut makes these most glamorous maternity dresses, good the whole 9 months round."

It is in the underarm gussets that Arabian design differs from Western products. Cozying textiles, often edged with braid or livened with sequins, ensure that the underarm is noticed. Decorative embroidery work in these triangular pieces would equal the finest of Victorian samplers."

Care was taken with the sleeves, which are often heavy with embroidery. These were often detached from a worn-out dress and sewn on to a new one, the process repeated

over and over until the embroidery wore thin with use.

Key looks come through by means of epaulettes to grace the shoulders, red and green embroidered side panels, mock pockeets cooyed by embroidery and applique motifs indigenous to the area.

Little research has been done on Arabian fashions. Ross speculates that one reason for this is the dwindling of traditional fashions along with the tribal structure of the country after the Kingdom was established in 1932.

Arabian fashion goes back many years. As far back as the 11th century, homeward bound Crusaders brought back to Europe some of the fashions they admired in the East. Ross said Elizabethan dresses have Middle Eastern influences. About 40 years ago, manufactured dresses gained hold of the Saudi market and dresses ceased to be made entirely at home. In a few remote areas of the country, however, dresses are made as they were in years gone by. In Taif, for example, tailors still practice their craft in the sqa, following the traditional cuts and designs. Although their work is now done by machine rather than by hand-stitching, a keen eye is still needed to keep endless rows of embroidery straight. The most popular material today is black satin-finished cotton.

Influences on Arabian dress have been both religious and geographical. From Islam has come the respect for modesty that still informs the choice of Saudi women as they peruse the collections of the great couturiers of Europe. Reflecting climatic conditions, dresses from the Southwest of the country, with its cooler temperatures, adopt slimmer sleeves. Skirts also tend to be less voluminous since clothes need not provide for circulation of air as they must in the hot arid central plains. The incorporation of ideas from India and Africa — with its tradition of beading — show the peninsula's central position in the Middle East.

Ancient fashions like the caftan are winning over Western fashion houses. Once Arabian gowns have been fully catalogued, they may provide compatible inspiration for couturiers, who have come to appreciate them for their timeless elegance, femininity and bold use of color.

Old gowns are now being bunted down in the ladies' sqa of Riyadh, Jeddah, and Taif. Prices, warns Ross, are rising.

Another contemporary Saudi designer using traditional Arab styles in her work is Nabila Bassam, owner of Al-Khobar's Arab Heritage Gallery. Her variations on the traditional abaya have spearheaded her success.

Said Bassam, "I wanted something Arab, so I decided to vary the form of the black abaya. I made a violet one to start with."

Much of the opposition to abandoning black as the color for the abaya was practical. "You'd need a different abaya for every dress," pointed out ooo such color-conscious customer.

Bassam has discovered enormous room for creativity within the simple square design. Delightful touches enhance the classical shape — a contrasting lining, pockets, applique, and even quilting all of which give a "with-it" look to the timeless mante.

One of the virtues of the abaya is its adaptability. It fits all sizes. This, admits Nabila Bassam, is what first attracted her to it. "I'm a designer, not a tailor."

From the abaya, Nabila Bassam, who works on clothes with her mother, adapted other Arab designs to current fashion trends. The materials she uses are modern: voile for its ideal cooling effect, polyester which washes and hangs well and silk because it is "in" this season.

Harem pants are another favorite. Pants, after all, are a Middle East invention, first found in Turkey. They continue to be worn throughout much of the Middle East.

Nabila Bassam is working on an exhibit of old Middle Eastern dresses for her Arab Heritage Gallery later this season. For early summer, she plans a private luncheon fashion show of her contemporary adaptations of the timeless gowns of Arabia.



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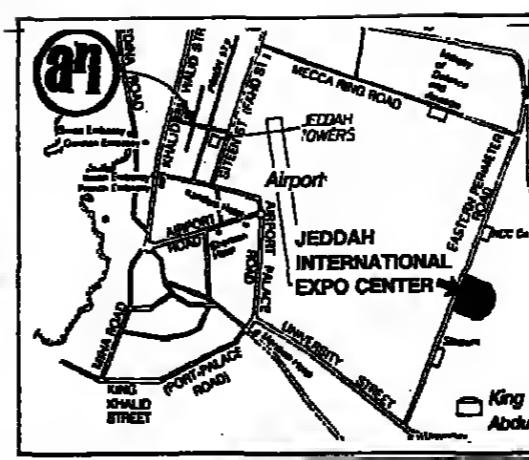
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## By anti-migrant pickets Assam government paralyzed

GAUHATI, India, April 22 (R) — Government offices on Assam were paralyzed Tuesday by a mass picketing campaign to force the expulsion of migrant workers from the northeast Indian state.

Thousands of slogan-chanting people in Gauhati, the state capital, defied a government ban on demonstrations following a call by students spearheading the agitation to picket offices across Assam for five days and cripple its administration. Men and women

stood around government offices in the rain.

But a march through the streets towards a nearby oil center was headed off by army and police. Road barricades outside the city stopped the demonstrators about eight km from the Narengi oilhead. Troops moved in two days ago and wrested control of the Narengi installations from demonstrators who had blockaded oil supplies since December, causing a shortage of diesel fuel and kerosene in the rest of the country.

However, oil workers have refused to turn

### Officials warn of toxic fumes

## Fire hits U.S. chemical warehouse

ELIZABETH, New Jersey, April 22 (AP) — As a fire roared through a condemned warehouse filled with deadly and explosive chemicals officials warned residents of New York and New Jersey to stay indoors Tuesday to avoid toxic fumes.

"We're concerned that we must notify the people of the city of New York of the danger they may face," state police superintendent Clinton L. Pagano said as a huge black cloud floated above the flames here.

Authorities urged Staten Island residents to take precautions to avoid fumes from the toxic chemicals stored in a warehouse closed by New Jersey officials last year.

Pagano said residents of the nearby island, part of New York City, should remain sheltered until authorities identified substances

in a cloud that drifted across the waterway between the two states. Meanwhile, schools here were closed and dozens of area residents left their homes voluntarily.

The blaze was reported late Monday. Flames continued leaping as high as 100 meters in the air through the night, illuminating the dark cloud.

Continual explosions rocked the site and heated barrels containing the chemicals hurtled into the air.

The Chemical Control Corp. warehouse on the Elizabeth waterfront was closed last year after officials discovered at least 35,000 barrels of deadly, unmarked chemicals were stored outside the warehouse in punctured, leaking drums.

Dr. Richard Dewling, deputy adminis-

trator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said most of the barrels found when the warehouse was closed last year are still there. He said about 5,000 had been removed.

"Our concern is the potential plume (cloud) and which way the plume could be moving," Dewling said. He said it was to be moved by a helicopter-based laboratory.

State Assemblyman Raymond Lesniak said "there are some of the most dangerous poisons and chemicals" in the plant.

"There are 35,000 drums of God-

knows-what in there," Lesniak said.

Chemicals such as nitric acid, picric acid and nitroglycerine were found leaking from the barrels last year.

### Demanded unconditional surrender

## N. Vietnam officer recounts fall of Saigon

HANOI, April 22 (AFP) — The man who captured Saigon five years ago and ended decades of war in Vietnam has talked for the first time to a Western journalist about how he did it.

On April 25, 1975, Lt. Col. Nguyen Tat Tai of the North Vietnamese army was with his armored brigade on highway one 100 kilometers north East of Saigon when he received the order to take the South Vietnamese capital.

Five days later in the presidential palace he was demanding unconditional surrender from South Vietnamese head of state Duong Van Minh "Big Mib".

Today, at the age of 48, Tai is still in the army. He tells his story relaxed in a chair, the sleeves of his military shirt rolled up and his forehead creased with lines which make him appear older than the is. Sometimes a slight nervous tic crosses his face.

On March 19, 1975, he was at Quang Tri on the 17th parallel, the official border between the two Vietnams established by the Geneva accords of 1954, when he received the order to drive south to liberate the country.

"The fighting was tough. At first we had to break through the first defense lines at Hue and Da Nang, then later at Phan Rang we came up against the last defense line of the

south and there were losses," Tai said.

He refused to give details of the losses or say how many tanks and men his brigade had at the outset.

"We broke through the second line and continued the advance through Phan Riet, Ham Tan and Vung Tau. It was then that we were given the order to march on Saigon with the aim of taking it by persuasion or force," Tai went on.

"The fighting was still hard, especially at Nuoc Trang, less than 20 kilometers from Saigon, where it took nearly three days to be through against at least 20,000 southern infantry supported by about 40 tanks."

Still battling all the way the North Vietnamese finally reached the massive base of Long Binh, at the gates of Saigon, at nightfall April 29.

"On April 30 at 10 o'clock in the morning we entered the city by the Thi Nghe bridge. The enemy fell back in disorder, with infantry and tanks mingled, but continued to fire and fire back," Tai said.

"Only a few of the inhabitants showed themselves at windows and doors, but I saw several flags of the South Vietnamese National Liberation Front (Viet Cong) hanging from balconies.

"The closer we got to the palace the

weaker the resistance and the more numerous and welcoming the population. I also saw Western journalists taking pictures."

"At 11:15 T-53 tank number 843 smashed through the palace gate, and I was behind in a command car. There was no resistance from the guards, and we learned for the first time that Duong Van Minh was inside.

"Ten minutes later, accompanied by my political commissar Lieutenant Colonel Bu Van Tung and other officers we entered the room where Minh was awaiting us. The room measured about 15 meters by ten meters and was furnished with armchairs and low tables.

"Several dozen men, all in civilian clothes, were standing or sitting there, and no guards or weapons were in sight. Minh himself, dressed in a light beige jacket, was standing in the doorway. He told us, 'I am Duong Van Minh. We were expecting you. We are ready to hand over power to you.'

Tai said, "I replied, 'You have nothing to hand over because you no longer have any power. Your only course is to surrender unconditionally.' Minh went very pale, and I think he was afraid. He did not reply."

When Tai asked Duong Van Minh to broadcast the surrender to the southern forces to lay down their arms, he obeyed without question.

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ASSUMES DUTIES: Zhao Ziyang has assumed most of the official duties of Communist Chinese Senior Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping, Peking announced recently. Zhao is shown in a photo taken this year.

## 20 killed in set blaze at French old age home

SAINT-JEAN DE-LOSNE, France, April 22 (AP) — Fires, set deliberately, swept an old people's home in central France late Monday, killing 20 persons, police said Tues-

day. They were believed to be French.

There was no immediate indication of the motive for the arson.

The home, near Origny, houses 125 persons in a group of old buildings and the three-year-old wing where all the deaths and injuries occurred. The alarm was sounded by employees alerted by smoke from a plastic trash can, one of the four arson points.

The other fires were set in the modern building, in the sacristy of the chapel using a Bible, a crucifix and a cloth covering a chalice set up for morning mass, and in a room off the sacristy, using an old coat.

A further 18 were hospitalized for treatment for smoke inhalation. All the victims

## News aid eyed for Third World

PARIS, April 22 (AFP) — An inter-governmental conference has agreed "by consensus" here to set up a United Nations program to aid developing countries in all fields of communications and news.

A compromise program was worked out after sharp differences between the developing countries and industrialized nations led by the United States at a week-long conference here at the U.N. Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The discussions were "rough" at times, commented UNESCO Director-General Amadou Mahtar M Bow, a Senegalese.

The program, which still requires adoption at the UNESCO general conference in Bel-

grade next September, is a step towards "a more just and effective new world order in news and communication" sought by M Bow.

The U.S. delegation made a major concession by agreeing to place UNESCO in charge of the program. But the "Group of 77" developing countries failed to win agreement to set up a fund to aid them in communications fields. Washington opposed that idea, and Western European countries were neutral.

A key point was left unsettled after sharp disagreement — how to select a council of 35

governments to oversee the program.

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# Cubans await fate in first-class hotel

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, April 22 (AP) — The Costa Rican government has moved hundreds of Cuban refugees into a first-class hotel while it awaits an answer from Cuban authorities on its request to resume the airift between both countries.

A source at the hotel said the Cubans were jamming telephone lines with calls to relatives in the United States. The source said 600 collect calls were made to the United States on Sunday.

The refugees are the vanguard of 10,739 Cubans who jammed the Peruvian embassy in Havana April 4-6 in a bid to leave their homeland. They were among the first 700 persons flown to Costa Rica last week before Cuban President Fidel Castro halted the airift on Friday.

Some of the refugees have already been flown to other countries. Last weekend, Costa Rica and the Intergovernmental Committee on European Migration decided to move the approximately 320 Cuban exiles still in Costa Rica out of make-shift refugee shelters and into the hotel.

A Costa Rican Foreign Ministry official said Cuba has promised to respond Wednesday.

day to its request Sunday that the air bridge be reopened.

In suspending the flights, Castro said the refugees would be allowed out only if they flew directly to the countries that agreed to take them in. Costa Rica replied that it would accept all of the refugees, instead of the 300 it first offered to take in.

In Cuba, the Communist party newspaper *Granma* said in an editorial Monday that only 1,500 "anti-social elements" remained at the Peruvian embassy while most others had returned to their homes to await permission to leave.

Cuban exiles from Florida, meanwhile, sailed two small boats to Cuba Monday and returned with about 40 refugees believed to be from the Peruvian embassy.

The vessels returned to Key West, Florida, from the port of Mariel, a few miles west of Havana, a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said. They apparently were among 50 lobster boats that left Miami on Saturday en route to Cuba.

One of the boats radioed the Coast Guard for help and was towed into port at Key West, the last of the string of islands extending south of Florida.

## Sergeant-president impresses diplomats

# Liberia's soldier government 'on side of people'

MONROVIA, April 22 (AP) — The soldier pointed his submachine gun at the taxi on the highway from the airport into Monrovia, and the car screeched to a halt.

The soldier explained politely that he just wanted a lift into the city. He took the clip out of his weapon and showed the gun to the taxi's passenger.

"We soldiers are on the side of the people," he said. "Liberia is a new country now that we've got rid of the old guard."

The old guard was the core of the True Whig party, swept in a military coup April 12 that resulted in the assassination of President William Tolbert. The coup was led by 26-year-old Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe, who became president.

Western diplomats are impressed with the performance of the young chief of state, who none of them had ever heard of before. They say he is highly intelligent and makes up for his lack of administrative experience by willingly taking advice.

"He is clearly the man who takes the decisions," one ambassador said. "He is extremely popular as a result of the coup, and all those around him display an intense personal loyalty to him."

Liberia, Africa's first independent republic, was founded 133 years ago by freed American slaves. Until Doe's coup,

political and economic life was dominated by their descendants, who make up only 3 per cent of the 1.5 million people. Doe is the first chief of state without an American ancestor.

The 18 enlisted men who stormed the executive mansion and assassinated Tolbert now make up the ruling People's Redemption Council. Several have received big promotions, although Doe did not promote himself. Staff Sergeant Thomas Quiwookpa, for example, became a brigadier general and commander of the armed forces.

All the council members are from the Krahn tribe, a small minority group in northeastern Liberia. But diplomats say Doe intends to broaden the tribal base of his regime.

The largely civilian cabinet includes three holdovers from Tolbert's government, two of them Liberians of U.S. descent.

The bodies of Tolbert and 27 others killed during the coup were shoveled into a mass grave by a bulldozer on the outskirts of Monrovia while a crowd screamed insults and buried stoes at the bodies. Twenty-two other former high-ranking officials are on trial on charges of "high treason, rampant corruption, mis-

use of public office and gross violation of the civil and human rights of the Liberian people."

The defendants are not allowed defense attorneys, and there is no prosecutor. The accused meo appear before the military court one after another to be interrogated by the five members of the tribunal. All heard so far have pleaded innocent. A soldier records the proceedings on a typewriter.

The principal defendant, former Justice Minister Joseph Chesson, defiantly asserted that there was "not a scintilla of evidence" against him. The typist turned to the prisoner and said: "How do you spell scintilla?"

Several of the accused meo put all the blame for the widespread corruption and abuse of power on Tolbert. Former Foreign Minister Cecil Dennis said he warned the president he was violating the constitution. P. Clarence Parker, the treasurer of the True Whig party, said: "Tolbert and all his family were crazy, and the entire country was subjected to insanity."

The government newspaper, *The New Liberian*, appealed to the new regime "to exercise restraint with regard to capital punishment for political offenses." But government officials said "at least a few"

death sentences were expected, to demonstrate determination to stamp out corruption and abuses of power.

In the first three days after the coup, the soldiers went on a rampage of violence and robbery. Many shops and homes were looted and there were reports of rape. By the end of the week, most of the troops were back in their barracks and order had been restored. A government decree said any member of the security forces carrying out an arrest without a legal warrant would "himself be put in jail and the arrested persons released immediately."

Three soldiers were shot by firing squad Thursday for "looting and subversive activities." Doe attended the public execution and said the same fate awaited "anyone engaging in activities not in line with the objectives of the April 12 coup."

U.S. embassy officials said Doe responded immediately when told of dangerous violations of military discipline. Francois Mages, manager of the Intercontinental Hotel, reported armed soldiers were robbing his guests, and Doe came to the hotel himself to restore order.

Doe has assured American officials he wants to continue the close friendly relations that have always existed between the Liberian and U.S. governments.

ARRIVAL: Cuban exiles arrive in Madrid after being airlifted from Havana, where they took refuge in the Peruvian embassy. Spain has agreed to accept 500 Cubans.



## Colombia seeks outside mediation

BOGOTA, April 22 (AP) — The Colombian government is turning to international mediation for the first time to its talks with the M-19 guerrillas holding 17 diplomats hostage in the Domioica Republic's embassy here.

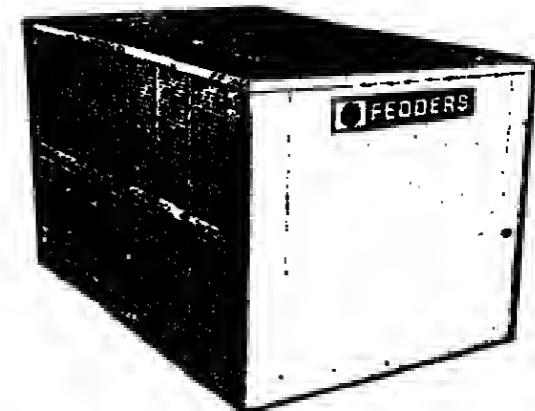
Minister of Governor Germao Zea, in charge of internal security in Colombia, indicated that the government is asking the Inter-American Human Rights Commission

of the Organization of American States to intercede in the negotiations.

The commission was invited to Colombia by the government at the guerrillas' request to investigate alleged human rights violations.

Last week, the London-based human rights group Amnesty International reported cases of torture, arbitrary arrests and disappearances in Colombia.

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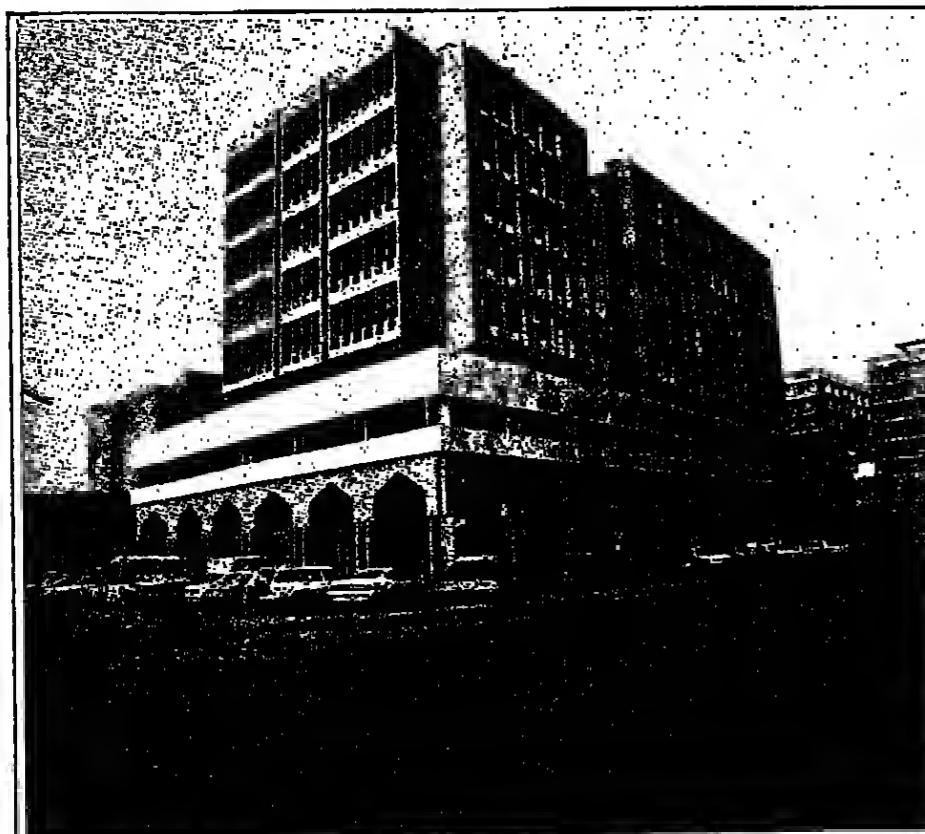
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# U.S. promises Japan to review oil needs

WASHINGTON, April 22 (R) — The Carter Administration promised Japan Tuesday a sympathetic review of its fuel needs in light of Japan's refusal to pay higher prices for Iranian oil.

Praising Tokyo's action as courageous, a State Department spokesman said the United States has been in touch with Japan about its oil problems. He did not go into detail.

Spokesman Hodding Carter called Iran's pricing policies "highway robbery," and said Japan's refusal to pay, even though based on economic reasons, carried wider implications.

He noted that Portugal had announced a refusal to buy Iranian oil as its way of supporting U.S. efforts to force Tehran to release the American hostages held since November 4.

"Both cases... represented brave steps whose economic consequences for both nations are clear," Carter said. "They also carry messages to Iran which are equally clear."

The administration has been urging U.S. allies to join it in putting economic pressure on Iran in hopes of getting the hostages released.

Japan, which gets 10 per cent of its oil imports from Iran, balked at paying oil prices which spokesman Carter said were higher than those of the world spot market.

"The decision that they took on economic grounds... not to submit to those prices was in fact a very courageous step," he told reporters. "It is one which we greatly appreciate and one which we hope others will emulate."

The United States has consulted with Japan frequently on its fuel needs, he said, but did not give details of steps that might be taken.

Prices on the free spot oil market were unchanged Tuesday from last week's levels, despite the suspension of Iranian oil supplies to Japan, London oil traders said.

Some oil industry executives have said they are concerned about supplies because of Iran, which could result in a rush of stockpiles with-

drawals on the spot market — where oil not sold on long term contract is freely traded — which would probably trigger a new round of oil price rises.

Traders said Tuesday crude continued to sell at spot rates between \$35 and \$38.50 a barrel and that they could detect no sign of any surge in crude or product prices.

Japan has been buying about 300,000 barrels a day of spot oil and refined products and Tokyo government sources said Tuesday they believe it could increase these purchases to help make up the loss of 520,000 barrels a day from Iran, without disturbing the market.

The oil industry worries that any sharp rise in spot prices could, as it did last year, tempt members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to follow with an increase in their official price limits.

The managing director of Japan's Tao Nenryo Kogyo Refinery, Nobuyuki Nakabayashi, told the Tokyo business daily *Nikkei Sanpo* that he believes Japanese and other non-Communist buyers probably would rush to the spot market and push the price up sharply.

British Petroleum (BP) and the Royal Dutch Shell Group also are challenging Iran's \$2.50 a barrel price increase — Iran suspended Japanese supplies when Japanese importers, under government instructions, refused to pay it.

Industry sources said neither BP nor Shell had lifted any Iran oil since April 1. Together, they are contracted to buy an average of 245,000 barrels a day.

According to Dirk De Bruyne, chairman of the Shell Group, managing direct sales of consumer reserves will eventually determine whether or not a new crisis over oil from Iran affects supplies.

De Bruyne told reporters in London last week that Iranian exports had fallen, to about two per cent of world needs, they are "fickle" and how supplies are high, could easily be dispensed with.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.31	7.51	7.51
Deutsche Mark (100)	180.00	181.25	179.55
Swiss F (100)	193.00	192.50	192.00
French F (100)	77.00	77.30	77.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	38.00	38.50
Lebanese Lira (100)	97.50	97.30	97.50
Syrian Lira (100)	77.50	87.00	77.50
Egyptian Pound	4.23	4.40	4.23
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.18	12.13	12.18
Jordanian Dinar	10.94	10.90	10.94
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.80	89.80	89.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.00	91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar	8.86	8.86	8.86
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	73.75	73.25	73.75
Yemeni Riyal (100)	81.50	84.60	81.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	41.75	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	33.90	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	45.45	—	45.45
Turkish Lira (1000)	53,500.00	—	6,300.00
Gold kg.	—	—	—
10 Tolas bar	—	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.35	—	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	112.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	164.00	—	164.00
Spanish Peso	50.00	48.00	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	82.00	—	45.00
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	—
Singapore (1,000)	—	—	1.52

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## African council urges economic independence

LAGOS, Nigeria, April 22 (AP) — A council of ministers meeting of the 49-member Organization of African Unity opened Monday with urgings to African nations to lessen their dependence on the economies of developed countries.

"Our political independence has been robbed of meaningful economic content," Nigerian vice president Ali Ekueme said in an address to the opening session, the official news agency of Nigeria reported.

The five-day meeting was summoned to draw up an agenda for the OAU summit starting in Lagos next week.

The African states met for the first time with representatives of Africa's newest independent state, Zimbabwe, present.

Ekueme said two decades after most African countries achieved independence, their economies still show signs of serious under-development.

The states development strategies had so far "only helped to increase our dependence on the erstwhile colonial masters rather than strengthen our capacity for self-reliance," he said.

## EEC, Cyprus discuss association accord

NICOSIA, April 22 (R) — A delegation from the Common Market Commission and the European Investment Bank had a meeting Tuesday with the president of the Cyprus House of Representatives, Alecos Michailides, the Cyprus News Agency reported.

The delegation is in Cyprus to continue exploratory talks on the second stage of the Cyprus-EEC association agreement.

They will also discuss economic and financial cooperation within the framework of the financial protocol between Cyprus and the EEC.

Hiere Duchateau, head of the delegation, who is director of the commission's Directorate-General of External Affairs, said his mission was a follow-up to the one sent to Cyprus in May last year.

## Stocks fall after morning rally

NEW YORK, April 22 — Monday's early morning strength gave way to concerted selling with key averages falling. Breadth was

highly unfavorable with more than 1,000 issues declining. Volume continued low. In group activity, Aerospace and metals were especially weak.

There was no hard news to explain the selling. Evidently, there was concern that the recession would be worse than first anticipated and that Monday's Consumer Price Index report would show a more pessimistic inflation picture.

After the close, the short interest figures were released, and they showed that in the month ending April 15, the NYSE short interest fell 4,476,899 shares to 44,764,649 shares. On the AMEX, the short interest in the same period declined

1,000 shares to 1,000.

Foreign Minister Andrew Peacock told parliament he was ending a government-funded insurance scheme for exports to Iran as well as incentive payments made to exporters of goods to Iran.

Government officials said they expected the measures would result in non-food trade with Iran drying up. Non-food exports amounted to \$17.5 million in the first seven months of this financial year, government sources said.

Peacock also announced a ban on further sales of shooting range target equipment to Iran — the only military equipment currently exported to Tehran.

But he stopped short of limiting trade in food products, which make up the bulk of the exports to Iran. Sales of meat and wheat amounted to \$82 million in the seven months to January.

Peacock told parliament that to assume American forbearance over the hostages was unlimited or to equate it with indifference or weakness would be a grave mistake.

"A great democracy cannot be expected to wait indefinitely while revolutionary factions resolve their differences — with the lives of its citizens being used as pawns," he said.

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## Record time in Boston Woman winner accused of faking Marathon run

BOSTON, Mass., April 22 (AP) — Suspicion of a faked race arose Monday after Rosie Ruiz, a Manhattan office worker who claims to have run in only one previous marathon, was declared the record-setting winner in the women's division of Monday's Boston Marathon.

The woman tearfully denied she cheated and said the suggestions upset her.

"We have grave doubts right now, but we will do everything possible in the next week to check if there was a deception," said Wil Cloney, director of the Boston Athletic Association Marathon.

"When I crossed the finish line, I thought some women were ahead of me. I don't know what the top runners look alike," Ruiz told the Associated Press in an interview after she left the race area.

"These people are familiar with running. I just ran best I could," she said.

She attributed skepticism to race officials, seeing her short hair, may have mistaken her for a male runner.

Cloney said he would investigate whether Ruiz, 26, had run the entire race.

Suspicions were first raised because no one had heard of Ruiz and because of her exceptionally fast time.

Fred Lebow, president of the New York Roadrunners Club, with a membership of 16,000, called Ruiz "a phonie" and said she was not seen among the top six women at the 22-mile mark. He said she showed no physical evidence of running a marathon and she was unfamiliar with roadrunning terms.

Others at the interview said she did not know the meaning of a "split," which is a set of miles used very commonly by distance runners in their training.

"I have been training hard since the beginning of this year. My boss is a runner, and he said, 'If you go to Boston and wear our T-shirt, we'll pay for your trip.'

She said she runs 10 to 12 miles in her lunch hour around Central Park, on Fifth Avenue or along the Hudson River.

"I wanted to run Boston. I'm just happy I did it," she said.

Ruiz hit the finish line in 2 hours, 31 minutes and 54 seconds, nearly four minutes better than the record set by Maine's Joan Benoit last year.

In overall race finals, American Bill Rodgers easily won his fourth Boston Marathon

Monday and also equalled a record by finishing first for the third successive year.

Rodgers broke away from the 5,394-runner field midway through the 26-mile 365 yards race, steadily increased his lead, and coasted home one minute and nine seconds ahead of second place Marco Marchaei of Italy.

Rodgers, who began his Boston triumphs in 1975, clocked two hours, 12 minutes 11 seconds, but was unable to improve on his course record of 2:09.27 set last year, because he was never pressed.

Clarence Demar was the only other runner to score three straight Boston victories and that was in the 1920's.

The entry was comparatively weak because many top overseas runners were concentrating on Olympic training.

American Ron Tabb was third in 2:14.48, Michael Koussis of Greece fourth in 2:16.03, and American Paul Friedman fifth in 2:16.46.

Second among the women was Canadian Jacqueline Gareau followed by American Patty Lyons and Gillian Adams of Britain.

Rodgers, 32, said "I had a lot of trouble on the hills and might have considered dropping out if I had been pushed harder."

The top finishers of the 24th annual Boston Marathon:

1. Bill Rodgers	U.S.	2:12.11
2. Marco Marchaei	Italy	2:13.20
3. Ron Tabb	U.S.	2:14.48
4. Michael Koussis	Greece	2:16.03
5. Paul H. Friedman	U.S.	2:16.46
6. Benji H. Durden	U.S.	2:17.46
7. Steve White	U.S.	2:17.59
8. Stephen C. Foto	U.S.	2:18.49
9. Kevin Narby Ryan	New Zealand	2:18.59
10. Mike Finocchi	U.S.	2:18.52

The top finishers of the 24th annual Boston Marathon:

ENGLISH FOOTBALL: The Tottenham Hotspurs were at home Saturday afternoon to play Everton in a first division match at White Hart Lane in North London. Don McAllister (left) of Tottenham, watches as Brian Kidd of Everton attempts a goal.

## American athletes to sue USOC

NEW YORK, April 22 (AP) — A number of amateur athletes will file a suit against the United States Olympic Committee today, protesting the USOC decision to boycott the 1980 Summer games at Moscow.

The American Civil Liberties Union said Monday it would hold a news conference to present details of the action, which will be filed in federal court in the District of Columbia.

### Chess match adjourns

MEXICO CITY, April 22 (AP) — The ninth game in the World Chess Championship quarter finals between former champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union and Hungarian Lajos Portisch was adjourned here Monday.

The adjournment was requested by Spassky — the third and final he is allowed under the rules.

Portisch won the first game in the tie, and the two players have drawn seven times since then.

The winner will meet West German Robert Hubner in the finals.

Among the athletes taking part in the action, according to the ACLU, is Anita DeFrantz, a bronze medal rower.

Trudi Schutz, public information director of the ACLU, said all the details of the suit had not been finalized as of Monday evening.

"The papers are still being done," Schutz said. She said the ACLU has called the new conference "because a number of Olympic athletes and potential Olympic athletes have decided they want to sue the United States Olympic Committee for breaching the guidelines of the charter."

The USOC House of Delegates announced earlier this month that the United States would not send a team to Moscow in protest of the Soviet Union's move into Afghanistan. President Jimmy Carter had requested the withdrawal of the American team from the games.

At that time, DeFrantz said the athletes would consider a lawsuit against the USOC action. The suit will charge that the USOC violated its own charter in withdrawing from the Moscow games on the basis of a political rather than a sports question.

## French football star dies of heart attack

PARIS, April 22 (AFP) — French football was rocked Monday with the news that international midfield player Omar Sahnoun had died of a heart attack during a training session with his club, Bordeaux.

The 22-year-old Algerian player slumped dramatically to the ground while the Bordeaux squad was doing some light jogging in a stadium on the outside of the town.

He was dead from a heart attack by the time a doctor arrived a few minutes later.

One of the team's trainers, Bernard Michelana, said they had completed two kilometers of a moderately paced three-kilometer running session when the tragedy happened.

"Sahnoun was joking with the rest of the squad, because the pace was very relaxed," he added.

Michelana said it was French international striker Bernard LaCombe who was the last to speak to Sahnoun and who raised the alarm.

"Sahnoun was on his back. His team-mate saw him taking a step or two backwards before he fell," he added.

Sahnoun has been regarded as one of the most skilled and gifted midfield players in France. He was capped for France at school, amateur, junior and military level and was picked six times for the France "A" squad.

He began his career with Northern club Nantes before transferring to Bordeaux last

### Canada team qualifies

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, April 22 (AP)

— The Canadian Men's basketball team qualified Monday for the Moscow Olympic Games, defeating Argentina 89-86 in a game at the Americas qualification tournament.

It was the club's fourth win in as many games in the seven-country competition, although the effort may go unrewarded if Canada boycotts the summer games because of the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan.

Guard Jay Triano led the Canadian offense with 24 points, including an insurance basket with no time showing on the clock.

year. He had already had heart problems when in August he collapsed during a French International training session. He later followed a diet to lose weight and did not appear for his club, Nantes, until five months later.

"Even if I must take risks I will continue to play football. It's my only aim in life," Sahnoun said at the time.

He then regained his place in the French "A" side for matches with Portugal and Iraq in 1978, but failed to make the French World Cup squad for Argentina.

He transferred to Bordeaux during the last close season and had been playing well, scoring a goal during his side's last match against Brest last Friday.

## Adidas offered jeans for Moscow

BONN, West Germany April 22 (AP) — Adidas Sporting Goods Company said Monday it has been deluged with offers from American and European dealers to provide 20,000 pairs of blue jeans for Moscow Olympics workers.

"We're getting calls from all over offering us warehouses full of expensive blue jeans," Adidas spokesman Klaus Mueller told the Associated Press. "It's enough. We don't want to talk to any more middle men."

Mueller said that despite being the prime contractor for Olympic uniforms, Adidas was not obligated to replace jeans that were to have been shipped to Moscow by Levi Strauss and Co.

"There was a direct contract between Levi and the Soviet organizers for the jeans, but because of our business arrangements, it is our moral duty to help the Soviets set up contacts to replace Levi's."

The American company said last month it was pulling out of the deal in compliance with President Jimmy Carter's ban on exporting U.S. goods and technology to the Moscow Olympics.

### Baseball Roundup

## Yankees bounce Orioles 3-2

NEW YORK, April 22 (AP) — Ruppert Jones' RBI single with two out in the eighth inning gave the New York Yankees a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles Monday night.

The Yankees took a 1-0 lead in the third on Graig Nettles' home run. Baltimore tied it in the fifth with an unearned run, then went ahead in the sixth with the help of a Yankee error.

In the bottom of the sixth, Willie Randolph drew a leadoff walk, went to third on a single by Jones and scored the tying run as Bob Watson grounded into a double play.

In other American League action, Gorman Thomas hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning, giving the Milwaukee Brewers a 7-5 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Dave Stieb hurled a five-hitter, pitching the Toronto Blue Jays to a 7-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Jon Matlack con'tued to bounce back from elbow injuries, displaying his third consecutive strong pitching effort, and Jim Sundberg smashed his second home run the season as the Texas Rangers defeated the Detroit Tigers 3-2.

Dwight Evans doubled home the winning run in the eighth inning after Rick Burleson.

### Baseball standings

National League East		W	L	PCT%	GB
Pittsburgh	11	1	20	.333	—
Chicago	10	2	21	.322	2
Montreal	10	3	24	.324	2.5
Philadelphia	10	4	24	.324	2.5
New York	9	5	20	.300	3
St. Louis	4	7	10	.267	5
Cincinnati	11	8	917	.311	—
Houston	7	4	536	.345	3.5
San Diego	6	5	545	.345	3.5
Los Angeles	5	6	471	.286	5
San Francisco	4	7	303	.267	5
Atlanta	4	9	100	.267	10
Monday's games					
Boston	6	4	600	.333	—
Milwaukee	5	5	556	.300	—
Toronto	5	6	556	.300	1.5
Baltimore	6	6	455	.300	1.5
New York	5	7	322	.250	3.5
Cleveland	2	7	322	.250	3.5
Detroit	2	9	181	.143	4.5
West					
Oakland	9	3	750	.750	—
Texas	8	3	727	.625	—
Chicago	7	4	636	.583	—
Seattle	6	5	538	.500	2.5
Kansas City	6	6	417	.417	3.5
Minnesota	4	6	400	.333	4

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## Olympic leaders meet to save Moscow games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, April 22 (R) — Olympic leaders Tuesday mounted a joint effort to produce a formula aimed at restricting damage to future world sport from the United States-led boycott of the Moscow games this summer.

Heads of the international federations governing the 26 Olympic sports presented the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with a resolution which federation sources said confirmed their determination to go ahead with the games in Moscow even if only half of the eligible countries take part.

The U.S. Olympic Committee voted earlier this month to keep its powerful team away from Moscow in line with appeals from President Carter that Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan rendered it unfit to host the world sports festival.

Top Olympic leaders admit privately that

they are all but reconciled that West Germany will not compete and that such a decision would put even more pressure on Olympic committees in France and other NATO nations.

Canada is expected here to be next to announce that government pressure has compelled the sports leader to pull out.

Reliable sources said sports federations Tuesday would press the IOC to make every effort to permit any athlete to compete at Moscow or in future games as individuals, even if the athlete's national Olympic committee decided to pull out.

IOC Director Monique Berlioux said this would require changes in Olympic rules, which only could be achieved by calling a special session of the whole 88-member group in the few weeks before the games.

"Whatever happens, there will be games in Moscow, and we are optimistic that they will

be representative of a fairly wide part of the world," one senior IOC member said.

"They will not be the universal Olympic games we have known, but they will not be only a glorified spartakiad (Soviet national games) as some political leaders have predicted," the member said.

Western European national Olympic committees agreed Monday to meet in Rome May 3 to seek a common position in the best interest of future sporting contacts, even though many of them will stay away from Moscow because of government and public indignation about the Soviet action in Afghanistan.

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OLGA KORBUT COMPARES BOYCOTTERS TO 'KITTEHS'

MOSCOW, April 22 (R) — Olga Korbut, the gymnast who as a teenager took three gold medals for the Soviet Union in the Munich Olympics, Tuesday likened American athletes and Olympic officials to "pet kittens" for joining the boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

"In spite of earlier attempts to keep their own identity, American athletes and their National Olympic Committee (NOC) have become like a pet kitten hiding under a sofa after a preemptory shout from its master," she wrote in a letter to the youth newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda*.

Korbut, now retired from the sport with a baby son, said in the letter that President Carter's campaign against the Moscow Games is "the host brutal crime in the history of the United States against its own athletes and Olympic movement."

The 24-year-old former star said she felt regret and indignation when she learned of the U.S. NOC's April 12 decision to stay away from Moscow.

The aim of the boycott is to stop young Americans from "learning the truth about the Soviet land and seeing with their eyes what is so thoroughly concealed from them," she declared in the official newspaper.

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SOVIET COMMENT: This cartoon appeared a week ago in the Soviet newspaper *Sovetskaya Rossiya*. It shows Uncle Sam using the Statue of Liberty against the Moscow Olympics. The sign on the barrier says, "Boycott of 22nd Olympia," and the caption reads, "Anti-Olympic barrier."



## Britain argues money plans pushing boycott

LONDON, April 22 (AP) — The British government, angered that most of Britain's Olympic athletes plan to attend the Moscow games, offered financial help Monday to sports that go along with U.S. President Jimmy Carter's boycott.

So far, only three British sports federations have said they won't go to Moscow — Yachting, equestrian and field hockey.

But Douglas Hurd, minister of state at the foreign office, told the House of Commons that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government will help pay for top-level alternative competitions.

"We are ready to give modest financial help for those who have followed our advice now where British interests lie," Hurd said. "It is quite right to thank those who have that decision at great personal sacrifice."

He said it is possible that an alternative sailing regatta and riding competition could be held in Britain.

Despite Thatcher's firm backing for the Carter boycott, the British Olympic Association has voted to go to Moscow.

"I profoundly and strongly disagree with the decision they have taken," Hurd said. "I think clearly it was a foolish decision, taken after they needed to take it, which has put British competitors in an increasingly difficult and isolated position."

He said the boycott was gathering momentum and the Moscow games are "in the process of disintegration" with several sports facing "second-rate" competition.

He denied opposition Labor lawmaker Jim Dwyer's assertion that the boycott is at of President Carter's reelection campaign.

"It really is not a matter of the presidential election campaign," he said. "If we allow our aggression to continue unchecked, it is likely to be repeated."

Dwyer said the boycott is "not about the oil of Afghanistan but about the dire fiscal needs of Jimmy Carter."

## Grand Prix of Tennis

LAS VEGAS, Nevada April 22 (AP) — Las Gerulaitis, Harold Solomon and Ivan and won opening matches Monday as a round robin play began in the \$300,000 men's and women's Tennis event.

The third-seeded Gerulaitis downed Italian Panatta of Italy 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Solomon defeated John Alexander 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 and of Czechoslovakia topped South African Kevin Curran 7-6, 3-6, 6-2.

The tournament's top-seeded player, John Borg of Sweden and No. 2 John McEnroe, were scheduled to begin play Tuesday.

It was to face Mark Pfister, with McEnroe citing Stan Smith.

Monday's matches at Caesars Palace were held in brisk, swirling winds and most of the winners were only mildly pleased with their performances.

"My game was nothing unbelievable," Gerulaitis said. "It was half steady, I guess. I made a few good passing shots."

The tournaments are being sponsored jointly by Air France and Menard Hotels and in addition to the air tickets, there are many other prizes donated by the sponsors.

All the quarter finals will be held April 30.

## Europe football tense games today

PARIS, April 22 (AFP) — Europe's three major football cups reach their traditional most tense stage today when 12 teams contest the semifinals return leg.

The first leg matches played two weeks ago were on the whole close affairs, and each side involved still has a chance of making the illusive final.

In the European Cup, bolders Nottingham Forest of England and the pride of Spain Real Madrid will be defending 2-0 home wins when they travel respectively to Amsterdam (Ajax) and Hamburg.

Forest is rapidly cutting out a reputation as a cup side, having won the major European prize last year by beating Swedish champions Malmo 1-0 and the English League Cup two years in succession.

At this stage last year they were faced with three surprise qualifiers, while this year they have the cream of European football.

Brian Clough's side was deemed fortune to make the semis after losing 1-0 at home to East German champions Dynamo Berlin in the quarter finals. They staged a marvellous comeback to oust the East Germans 3-1 in the second leg.

In the first leg on the semis, goals from

England International Trevor Francis and Scottish winger John Robertson sealed a night of domination for the English side, and their usual fine away-from-home form should be enough to see them through.

Ajax is not side to take lightly. The three-time former winners of the European Cup will look to Dutch World Cup captain Rudi Krol for inspiration and strikers Chenla Ling of China and Moluccan Simon Tahamata for the necessary goals.

The other semifinal has a similar ring about it. Real Madrid, desperate to make the final, which will be played in Madrid, are well worth their 2-0 first leg win, but there are doubts about their ability to produce the goods away from their own fanatical support.

Glasgow Celtic beat them 2-0 in the last round before going down 3-0 in Madrid, and the Spaniards can be sure they will be given no presents from Kevin Keegan-inspired Hamburg.

The West Germans have been a hit below their confident best in recent weeks, but with the caliber of England Captain Keegan, West German International sweeper Mawfied Kaltz and striker Jiri Hrubesch in their ranks, the Spaniards will have to produce their best.

## Air France Tennis Tournament competition schedule announced

By Maurice Lamb

JEDDAH, April 22 — The draw for the Air France Tennis Tournament has now taken place and the draw and times of play are now on display at the Armasca Gattohouse and at the Air France Office on Medina Road.

Players from many nationalities living in Jeddah have combined to provide a large entry of 82 for the men's singles event. The competitors during the next few days will play five rounds before the semi-finals May 1.

Eight of the competitors have been seeded for the men's singles, and it now remains to be seen whether the seeding committee's choice will prove to be a good one. There will be strong competition to win the tournament and the first prize of a round-trip air ticket to Paris donated by Air France.

The eight mens seeds are: 1) Joe Reilly, 2) Jerry Hurst, 3) Paddy Rogan, 4) Eric Madison, 5) Michael Sundin, 6) Michael Liddle, 7) Paul Harrell, 8) Rodi Edholm.

A large number of entries also have been received for the Mixed Doubles Tournament. Thirty four couples will be taking part in the event, which will start Friday.

Four couples have been seeded for this event: 1) Christine Lamb and Joe Reilly, 2) Jo Sundin and Michael Sundin, 3) Yasmin Abu-Jaber and Hasan Dajani, 4) Ruth Rechthich and Redda Abbas.

The other event is the ladies singles with an entry of 16 women. The first round of the ladies singles will begin Thursday. There are four seeds: 1) Christine Lamb, 2) Ruth Rechthich, 3) Jo Sundin and 4) Donna Perry.

Air France is also donating an air ticket to Paris for the winner of this event.

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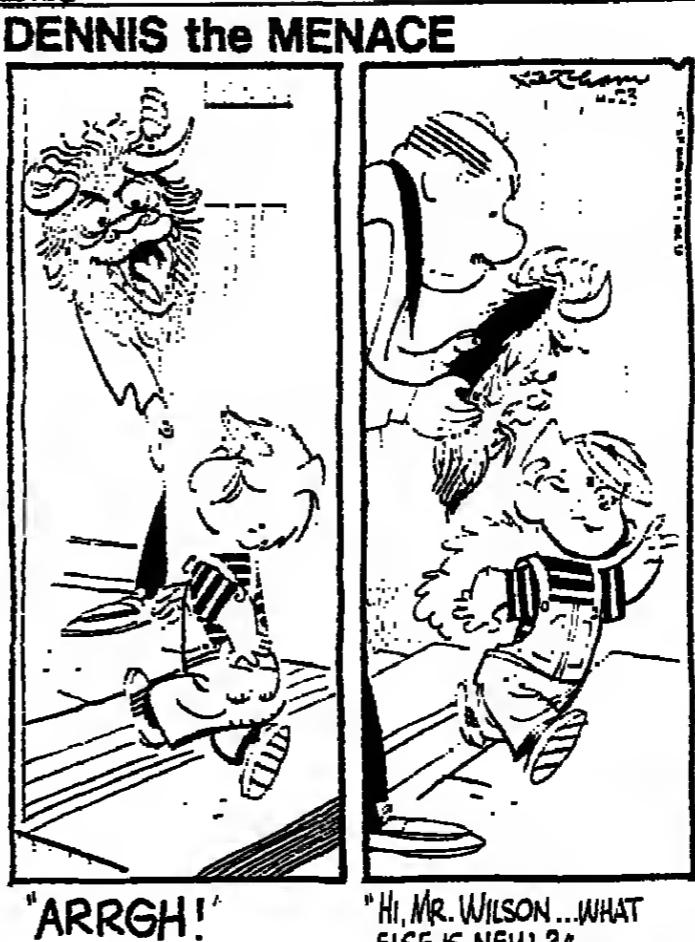
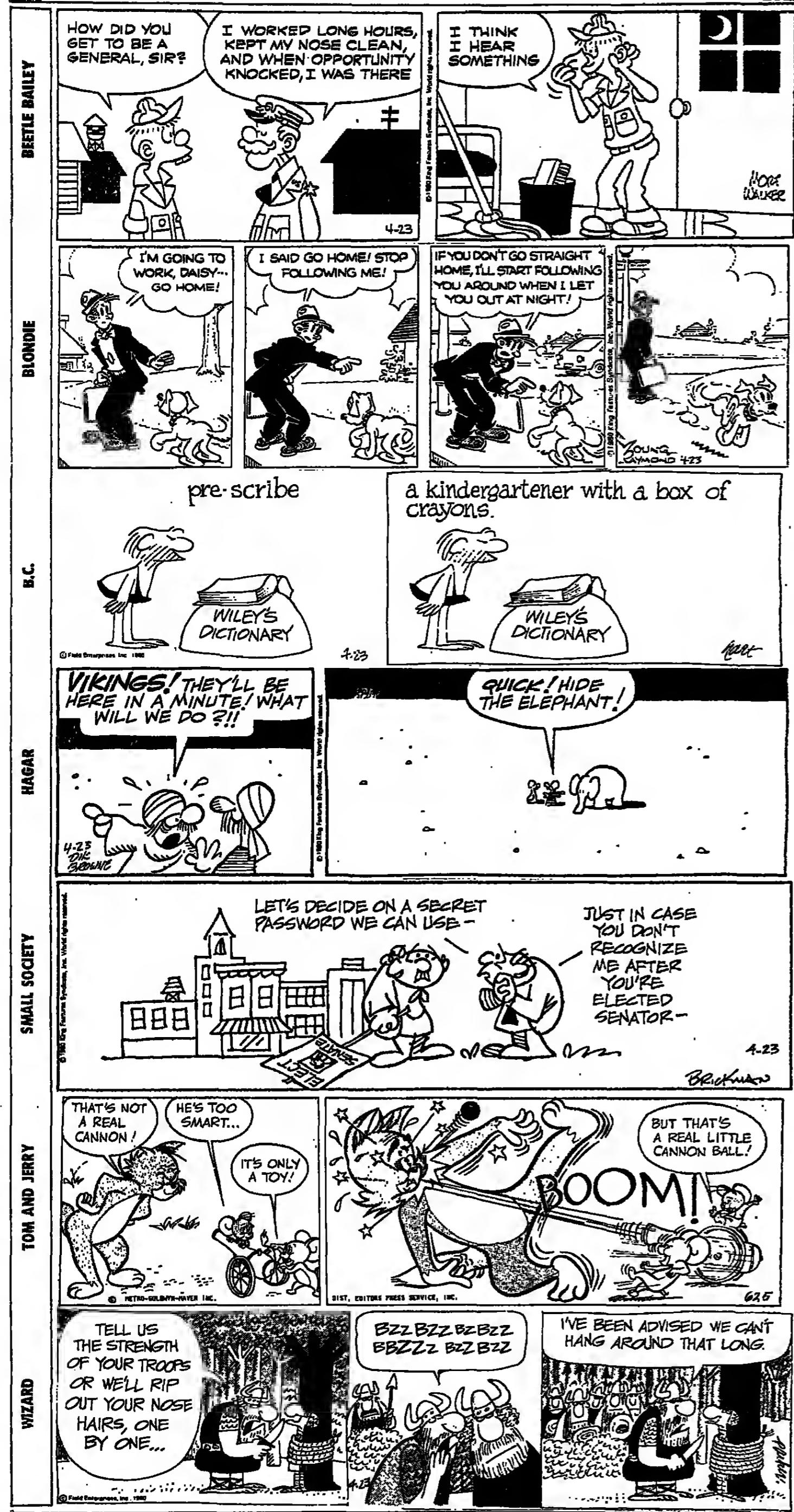
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♦Q 10 4  
♦J 9 7 3  
♦Q 7 5

**EAST**  
♦9 7 6 5 3 2  
♦5  
♦8 4  
♦J 10 6 3

**SOUTH**  
♦A 4  
♦A J 9 7 2  
♦Q 10 6  
♦K 8 2

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Pass 4 5 Pass 6 5  
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## Hostages jeopardized, Carter says

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Agencies) — President Jimmy Carter said a rapidly deteriorating political situation in Iran is jeopardizing the safety of the American hostages and may influence the timing of new U.S. moves to free them.

"I don't know how much longer we can sit here and see them kept captive while the situation around them does deteriorate," Carter said in an interview with CBS broadcast network.

As Carter spoke, Monday, several Iranian campuses, for the fourth straight day, were scenes of disturbances touched off by an offical order closing political party headquarters and purging anti-Islamic elements.

Carter was asked by newsmen Walter Cronkite whether any military move toward Iran might jeopardize the hostages, held at the American embassy. "I consider them in jeopardy now," the president answered.

"There is a volatile political situation in Iran. I think the structure of the government, the social structure and the economic structure lately is deteriorating fairly rapidly."

According to reports reaching here, Iran's unemployment rate is now 40 per cent.

Carter did not discuss his strategy for freeing the hostages although five days ago he

had said military force is the "only next step available" if U.S. and allied economic sanctions do not end the crisis, now in its 17th day.

The president also said he would discourage visits by hostage families, such as that of Mrs. Barbara Timm, who spent 45 minutes with her hostage son, Kevin Hermening.

But Carter said future requests by hostages families to travel to Iran would be considered case-by-case. Hermening, a marine sergeant, was the first hostage to be visited by a family member.

Mrs. Timm said it was a "small miracle" that brought her together with her 20-year old son, the youngest of the hostages at the embassy compound.

But State Department officials said Iranian militants had scored a "brutal propaganda victory" by allowing the meeting in return for Mrs. Timm's televised visits to the burial site of all dead victims of the former Shah of Iran.

Concern about such activities had made the administration reluctant to condone future visits by hostage family members.

Carter ordered a ban on travel to Iran last Thursday but Mrs. Timm will not be prosecuted because the directive will not take

effect until it is published in the federal register Tuesday or Wednesday, officials said.

The penalty for violating the ban is a fine of up to \$2,000 and imprisonment of up to five years. There is no penalty for travel to a restricted area without a U.S. passport.

In Tehran, President Abolhassan Bani Sadr Tuesday declared an Islamic cultural revolution in Iran's universities after using the threat of a huge government-sponsored demonstration to oust remaining leftists from their campus strongholds.

Speaking to tens of thousands of government supporters at the university he said: "This is the great cultural revolution promised by the Koran to the people and it represents the sovereignty of the people."

Tuesday marked the end of defiance by the Marxist Fedayeen movement of a Revolutionary Council decree ordering all political groups to shut down their campus offices as the first stage in the Islamicization of the universities.

Islamic fundamentalists armed with clubs, stones, and knives tried unsuccessfully Monday to oust the leftist from the campus in day-long clashes that left at least three people dead and several hundred wounded. Hospital

sources said a large number of those admitted late Monday night had bullet wounds, apparently the result of revolutionary guards firing in the direction of the campus buildings.

A large crowd gathered Tuesday outside the Imam Khomeini Hospital where Fedayeen supporters waited to collect their dead. Fedayeen posters claimed as many as 27 people died and that the authorities had secretly removed the bodies.

The left-wing Pishgam movement, the student wing of the Fedayeen, evacuated its campus headquarters in the early hours. Bani-Sadr had warned he would go to the campus at the head of a mass demonstration and take it over if it was not voluntarily evacuated. In his speech, the president claimed the evacuation as a triumph for the government and obedience to Revolutionary Council orders.

Speaking above chants of "Death to the Fedayeen", Bani-Sadr said: "The plot that was engineered was that the country should be shut down and unrest and clashes provoked. But the alertness of Imam (Ayatollah Khomeini), the Revolutionary Council and the president and the people made possible the victory of the cultural revolution."



SIGHTSEERS: Dutch Prime Minister Andreas A.M. Van Agt views the scenery from the top of Borobudur Temple at Yogyakarta, Java. Pointing is the governor of Java, Supardjo Rustam.

### Counterfeitors reap a fortune

## Bogus watches flood Hong Kong market

HONG KONG, April 22 (AP) — Hong Kong's position as the world's largest exporter of watches has made this British colony a center for watch counterfeitors despite government efforts to stamp out the fakes.

Trade investigators seized record numbers of fake watches and watch parts during 1979, but a highly organized counterfeit watch syndicate is still believed to have reaped hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"I'd like to suggest we're controlling the counterfeiting of watches, but we're not containing it," said John M. Howard, the government's chief trade investigator. "It's a lot like drugs. Where there are high profits, you're never going to completely stamp it out."

In 1978, Hong Kong replaced Switzerland as the world's largest exporter of watches. The Hong Kong Trade Development Council said the colony kept its top ranking in 1979, with Switzerland in second place and Japan in third. The chief target for local counterfeitors are name-brand Swiss and Japanese mechanical watches.

Howard said a good "fly-by-night" watch maker can put together six or seven watches per hour, pack his equipment after 12 hours and disappear, leaving few clues for investigators.

Last year, the counterfeitors entered the electronic watch market for the first time. Howard predicted there would be more electronic fakes as the popularity of digital watches grows.

A Spanish navy patrol boat and a helicopter followed his flight.

Japanese and Swiss electronic fakes are being manufactured at legitimate factories on special order for overseas buyers, he said. Profits from electronic fakes are smaller but Howard said counterfeitors can produce more watches, usually lots of 20,000 at a time.

The mechanical fakes are destined primarily for Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Africa while Howard said the electronic fakes are mainly sold to Europe and the United States.

Earlier this year, a Thai woman was arrested leaving Hong Kong with 30 fake watches marked "Rolex" and 270 fakes marked "Sandooz."

Howard said she claimed she bought the "Rolex" fakes for \$7 apiece, the "Sandooz" fakes for \$6 apiece, and expected to make a 25-35 per cent profit when she sold them in Bangkok. She was fined \$800.

With the gradual opening of Communist

### Balloon floats straits

ALGECIRAS, Spain, April 22 (AP) — A Spanish television newscaster, Jesus Gonzalez Green, made the first recorded solo crossing of the Straits of Gibraltar in a balloon recently.

Crossing the straits separating Europe from Africa, Green took off aboard his 2,500 cubic meter balloon from Tarifa, Spain's southernmost point, at 0215 GMT and arrived at the Spanish port of Ceuta, on Morocco's north coast, at 1015 GMT.

A Spanish navy patrol boat and a helicopter followed his flight.

China and the easing of travel restrictions to visit there, he said, there's a potential large market for counterfeit watches "so the government is watching the situation carefully."

Last year, the trade investigation branch of the trade, industry and customs department seized 35,890 counterfeit watches and 145,676 watch parts with an estimated market value of \$500,000. On 1978, the department seized watches and parts valued at only \$140,000.

Howard said there are no estimates for how many fake watches slip past authorities, but he said the number would be small in comparison to the legal exports. In 1979, Hong Kong exported 73.4 million watches valued at more than \$700 million.

Charles A. Dubois, Far East manager for the Swiss Watch Industry Information Center and its chief watchdog on counterfeitors, said he is "quite pleased" with the government's campaign to stamp out counterfeitors — which includes rewards to informants paid by the government and Swiss and Japanese watchmakers.

"The problem appeared about a dozen years ago and then it increased very quickly," Dubois said. "But for the last few years, it seems to be decreasing and things seem much better than in the past."

Howard said he believes a syndicate run by a group of counterfeitors from southern China has been making fake watches for several years — doing manufacturing in Hong Kong and Taiwan and operating a distribution network through Singapore.

*Good Morning*

By Jihad Khazen

same time. But that soon proved too complicated. So I sniggered on.

The story was of a court case in which a certain lady was, in the delicate language of the police here, accused of keeping a disorderly house," found guilty and sentenced accordingly. That in itself wasn't much. The point was that the police said, when it came, found that house in particular "disorder." A Christmas party was in progress, and from the police report it was quite a party, especially from the point of view of attendance. In addition to the "disorderly" ladies themselves, there was a peer of the realm, several "men of the cloth," some members of the judiciary, a member of the Irish parliament, an assortment of distinguished engineers, company directors, etc., etc. All caught, as it were, with their pants down.

Indeed the party was so successful that, in addition to the numerous revelers inside, there was an impressive and orderly queue outside (this, after all is England) waiting patients for its turn.

There you are, I thought, a gift to Saudi television for its next report on the state of play in this green and pleasant land.

Translated from *Al-Ahram*

*In 'uncertain' trading*

## Gold prices, dollar rally

LONDON, April 22 (AP) — The dollar gained in European trading Tuesday in what dealers said was an "uncertain" market because of possible West European sanctions against Iran. Gold prices also rallied.

Several West German dealers predicted that the U.S. currency would firm because Iran has said it would cut oil shipments to any country joining the U.S. sanctions, which would hit Europe hard.

Trading was reported light, with the dollar improving against every major European currency except the British pound, protected from any Iranian cut-off of oil because of its North Sea reserves.

The price of gold was higher after prices dipped below the \$500-an-ounce mark Monday. But a British metal trades magazine predicted Tuesday that there is continuing pressure for renewing a monetary use for gold — which America strongly opposes.

In London, the price of gold closed at \$503.50 and ounce, up considerably from

Monday's finish of \$492.

In Zurich, Bullion prices rose to \$502.50 an ounce, up from Monday's close of \$500.25.

London silver prices were unchanged at \$13.75. The pound sold for \$2.2380, up from \$2.2320.

Sterling perked up on hopes of a settlement to the issue of Britain's contribution to the European Economic Community (EEC) budget. It was quoted 4.165 marks against previous 4.135. The dollar went to 1.851 marks from 1.851.

In Tokyo, the dollar edged above the 250-yen mark for the first time in almost a week, finishing at 250.05 yen, up from 249.85.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per ounce):

Tuesday	Monday
London	503.50
Paris	511.12
Frankfurt	497.00
Zurich	502.50
Hong Kong	491.03

(Closed.)

*Array of nationalities*

## Workers invade Thai town

THONG PHA PHUM, Thailand, April 22 (AP) — Thong Pha Phum is silent no longer.

In the streets of this tiny, dusty hamlet in western Thailand — known to the people in the area as That Khanon — can be heard Latvians swear words in Polish, an Irish curse and a broad Aussie Twang.

The last thing one expects to see here is a European — still less groups of bearded, sun-tanned men in open shirts at wooden tables on the town's ochre-red main street sampling the local delicacies such as larb (spicy ground pork or beef), barbecued pork, preserved eggs and local river fish.

Some three hours by Land Rover or jeep along rutted dirt roads from the western border with Burma, Thong Pha Phum has a variety of nationalities almost as diverse as the capital, Bangkok, some 260 kilometers to the southeast.

But these men are not tourists. They have come here to build one of this developing country's biggest hydroelectric schemes and to dam the Kwa Noi River.

Soon, besides the men, there will be foreign women and children here as well, the families of the construction workers.

They will come flying into Bangkok and then make the exhausting, bone-shaking and dust-choked day-long journey by road to Thong Pha Phum — before the rains start if they're lucky. There will eventually be about

10,000 people living here, including local engineers, technicians and the work force.

From Bangkok, routes are somewhat limited. The river is too low to be navigable until the rainy season starts, when the road will probably be impassable. For senior executives and emergencies there is the modern world's flying carpet, the helicopter.

The project is called Kao Laem, literally "Spiney Peak," after the range that surrounds the area.

"Most of the furniture for what will become the new town is going up this week," says chief resident engineer John Hilton. "It will all have to be trucked up. Amenities are a bit sparse at the moment, but they will get better."

What is envisaged besides the comfortable concrete housing for the workers, is a club with soccer fields, two tennis courts, a swimming pool, and possibly a coffee shop, which will probably be run by local entrepreneurs.

A teacher from Australia will be coming out to supervise the school, and Australian news-papers and video movies are sent up weekly.

The center of social life at the moment is an open restaurant on the village's main street.

One story is that the shortage of beer in Bangkok is a result of the amount put away in Thong Pha Phum by the Irish engineer building a series of six tunnels through a limestone cliff to stop water seepage from the dam.

*Navstar crew half way to Azores*

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, April 22 (AP) — Retired geography professor Marvin Creamer and his three-man crew, enjoying good weather and smooth sailing, are nearly half way to the Azores after 11 days at sea with no modern navigational aids.

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